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Pink Saturday, Red Ink.
Mismanagement of Pink Saturday has organizers pointing fingers and AIDS beneficiaries empty-handed.

From top clockwise: Cleve Jones, Whitefeather (aka Charlotte Daniels), Allen White, Sister Sadie (aka Gil Block), Gilbert Baker, Joe Van Es. All photos by Rink, except for photo of Allen White, by Marc Geller

LETTERS

Calling All Addicts & Pederasts

Re Elliot B's letter (March 26, 1992), concerning Don Baird:

Elliot, I'm sure your mommy will be very proud of you for condemning the twin scourges of America, drug addiction and pedophilia, in one tiny letter. I hope she reminds you, however, that name-calling is never very polite. I also suggest you get yourself a nice, wholesome subscription to the *Orange County Register*—I'm sure no "drug addict or pederast" is ever allowed to write anything in *there*.

Anyway, as for Don Baird's columns (and as for Don, too), I think they're great! I love them! Sometimes I even skip over stuff just to get to them!

In fact, if any yellow-bellied editor ever mentions letting you go, Don, please give me a call. I have some great ideas for our first issues of *Drug Addicts' and Pederasts' Weekly*.

Charlie B.
San Francisco

BACORR vs. Operation "Rescue"

On Monday, April 6, the *San Francisco Examiner* published an editorial by Joan Connell—"Seeking Common Ground Between the Extremes on Abortion" in which it was falsely stated that the Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BACORR) had met with Operation "Rescue." BACORR did not meet with Operation "Rescue" and we are *not* in any way, shape or form seeking "common ground" with them.

What do we have in common with anti-abortion fanatics like Operation "Rescue"? We both breathe in and out. That's it. *Politically*, we are completely different and we are enemies. We see reproductive rights as a cornerstone of women's liberation. Operation "Rescue" has a punitive and hateful attitude toward women. Their basic tactics are to guilt-trip and harass women in front of clinics. Their movement has firebombed and closed down many of our health clinics. They have harassed doctors to the point that there is no access to abortion in large parts of the country. Several women have already died from botched illegal abortions.

We adamantly disagree with the entire concept of "common ground." The object is for everyone to be "nice" and avoid confrontation. But we must confront them. At this time, with abortion about to become illegal and women getting the boot in the face everywhere we turn, is it really time to be nice girls? In the Bay Area we have successfully defended women's clinics and we didn't do it by being nice. We put our bodies on the line to keep the clinics open.

We are very disturbed by the recent spate of articles in the press that apologize for abortion—the "permit but discourage" line of Mr. Rosanblatt and others. As women, why should we apologize for abortion, for having some measure of control over our own bodies and lives? Abortion is a very safe and healthy backup method to birth control. An option that many millions of women have exercised. It is an honorable choice and it is essential if we are going to have any ability to determine our lives.

We will not apologize or capitulate to a virulently right-wing anti-woman movement that is determined to return us to the "good old days" when women were abject slaves and men their masters. This month we will be "meeting" with Operation "Rescue." It won't be a friendly meeting. Operation "Rescue" is planning a repeat of Wichita where they beseiged women's clinics for months, in Buffalo, New York. BACORR will be there fighting to keep abortion legal and accessible!

Helen Jones
Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights
San Francisco

John Leo: Rabid Homophobe

We hope that no *Sentinel* readers were fooled by John Leo's opinion piece ("Is Activism Hurting Our Community?" *SF Sentinel*, April 9) into thinking that Leo is either a member of our community or a reputable commentator on lesbian/gay activism. Leo is a rabid homophobe who has for years, in his *U.S. News & World Report* column, attacked the goals as well as the tactics of the lesbian/gay civil rights movement, and promoted homophobia in general. A few examples:

In a Feb. 20, 1989, piece, Leo derided gay-rights laws as "exercises in stigma removal."

In an Aug. 7, 1989, piece, titled "Let's Try Discrimination for Once," he attacked family rights for lesbian and gay couples.

In a column on Oct. 6, 1989, Leo claimed that gays were exploiting hate crimes against us in order to advance our "special interest agenda."

In a column on Feb. 26, 1990, Leo defended Andy Rooney's statement that "homosexual unions" lead to early death, commenting that "Everybody knows that."

In a Dec. 10, 1990, column Leo attacked "politically correct" education for being sensitive toward gays and lesbians.

In a Sept. 10, 1990, piece Leo attacked the Robert Mapplethorpe exhibit and its defenders.

In literally countless other columns and side remarks, Leo has used anecdotes and stereotypes to ridicule the very concept of lesbian and gay rights.

When Leo finally agreed to meet with two GLAAD/NY representatives in 1990, Leo told them he opposed efforts to "legitimize homosexuality" because someday a "cure" might be found.

Leo was named GLAAD's "Defamer of the Year" for 1990.

Hollie Conley
Public Information Chair
GLAAD/SFBA

Outraged!!

Outrage! San Francisco, as a group, responds to interview requests from only those publications which report queer activist issues and activities in an accurate, fair and unbiased light. Outrage! San Francisco eschews any official contact with publications, such as *The Sentinel*, which lack even a modicum of objectivity around these issues.

In fact, we would no more issue a statement to *The Sentinel* than we would to the Traditional Values Coalition Newsletter. In our opinion, the two publications are indistinguishable except that the TVC Newsletter attacks the lesbian and gay community's struggle for self-determination from without and *The Sentinel* makes similar attacks from within. One need only glance through the editorial pages of this offensive rag for specific examples of these types of divisive attacks against activists and other community leaders. Instead of contributing to building a community, *The Sentinel* has done virtually nothing but contribute to its destruction.

Outrage! realizes that by making this internal policy statement public we expose ourselves to even more and vicious attacks by *The Sentinel*. We feel it is essential, however, and in keeping with our statement of purpose and manifesto, that we take a stand against such a negative and loathsome entity as *The Sentinel* by refusing to contribute to its longevity.

Furthermore, we encourage every activist group, political club, business and individual, if they are in agreement, to register their disgust with *The Sentinel* by publicly adopting a similar policy.

Outrage! San Francisco will continue to issue press releases and respond to interview requests from those reputable publications which report the issues and activities fairly and accurately.

Outrage!
San Francisco

Outrageous Lies

As the originator and the director of Pink Saturday 1991, I wish to respond to allegations being spread in the gay press by members of New Stonewall Liberation Day Parade and Celebration, Inc., specifically charges by Gil (Sadie Sadie) Block and Charlotte (Whitefeather) Daniels that I stole the permit from them, that I was paid a bribe for the permit, and that I took money. All of these outrageous lies and other lies too numerous to mention about the event, are part of an ugly smear campaign by two incompetent people who can't get their act together.

I was a founding director of New Stonewall, Inc., supposedly a nonprofit corporation set up to com-

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pete with the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee, Inc., for pre-parade production rights. For many years it was my dream to have a mass celebration the night before the Parade. I filed the permits for 1991 in my name for New Stonewall. A few days later, after a disagreement about the street-closure and corporate sponsorship, I was impeached by the other two directors. I immediately re-filed a permit for Saturday night (an eight hour closure: Sat. 6 pm to Sun. 2 am), a separate permit at a separate time. New Stonewall never followed up on their 24 hour closure (Fri. 6 pm to Sat. 6 pm).

When Joker Productions agreed to produce the event, New Stonewall charged that Cleve Jones paid me $15,000 for the permit. That is a lie! Joker Productions ended up losing more than $15,000 when revenues did not meet the expenses of the event. Pink Saturday cost $100,000 to produce and brought in $80,000. Pink Saturday was a fabulous party more than 250,000 people had fun going to. Yes, we spent a lot of money on special effects and a quality sound system. People seem to have lost sight of the fact that Joker Productions put up all the money for Pink Saturday, the beneficiaries didn't put up a dime, nor did they provide the agreed upon number of volunteers.

Neither I, nor anyone associated with Joker Productions profited from this event. I wasn't a paid employee; like most of the people who made it happen, I was a volunteer.

Joe Van Es of Joker has made a complete financial accounting to the beneficiaries and opened his books to them and the gay media.

All this bullshit about it being a rip off or a scam comes from two mean-spirited people who are carrying out a personal vendetta against me. I'm sick of it and skeptical of their ability to produce such an event this year. New Stonewall has spent all its time and resources on a ridiculous political campaign of revenge against me and my friends. They have not educated themselves to the realities and the responsibilities surrounding such an undertaking. Now, in addition to their lies and venom, they pretend to have a plan for this year, a messy facade that is nothing more than their original dingbat scheme for a two-day closure of the Castro... right... NOT!

Gilbert Baker
San Francisco

Thanks for Take Back Our Lives

Thank you to the organizers of Take Back Our Lives/Take Back the Night. I attended a community meeting in the fall where women were invited to talk about what they liked and didn't like in past Take Back the Night marches. The organizers listened to community input, responding with a grassroots event featuring an open mike instead of the usual stars and spokeswomen. And no blaring amplified slogans along the way!

The week before the march Dee Russel and Carol Leigh produced a benefit featuring a dynamite women's art show and diversity of women performers. It's been a while since I so thoroughly enjoyed an evening—coming away knowing my sisters are still resisting the ties that bind us and celebrating our womanly power.

The women who put this all together deserve the heartfelt thanks of the community.

July Helfand
San Francisco

Needed ASAP: Militant Clinic Defenders

The fight for abortion rights is at a critical phase. On April 22, the now solidly reactionary Supreme Court hears arguments on Pennsylvania's anti-abortion law. In June, they will announce their decision: either to overturn *Roe* or to gut it some more and wait until after the November elections for a complete overturn. Timed to push the Court as far to the right as possible, Operation Rescue (OR) is planning an all-out assault on the abortion clinics in Buffalo, New York, for April 20–May 4.

All pro-choice individuals and groups everywhere must mobilize now to defeat Operation Rescue in Buffalo. The fate of *Roe v. Wade* and all abortion rights hangs in the balance.

In reality, OR is an organization of religious zealots and thugs who want to forcibly deny women their rights to reproductive control. By taking away abortion rights and compelling women to be pregnant and bear children, OR aims to drive women out of the workplace and schools and back into the home, "where they belong." Their anti-abortion views are *not* supported by the majority of people in this country. However, OR understands that if they can make themselves *look* like a mass movement, by shutting down clinics for weeks on end in a northern industrial city in a predominately pro-choice state, they can exert maximum pressure on the courts and legislatures to ban abortion entirely. If OR succeeds in Buffalo, they will go to Milwaukee and other major cities in their drive to steamroll over women's rights.

The National Women's Rights Organizing Coalition (NWROC) is organizing to get people to Buffalo to defeat OR and defend abortion rights. NWROC is a national, militant, left-wing women's rights group. We were founded in 1990 by abortion clinic defense organizations around the country, which had been stopping OR at the clinic doors and building mobilizations to defend reproductive rights since 1987. NWROC is an anti-racist, pro-lesbian/gay organization overwhelmingly comprised of youth.

Our experience in defending clinics, and the failure of the NOW/NARAL strategy to prevent OR's victory in Wichita last summer, have taught us that the pro-choice movement cannot depend in any way on injunctions, the police or the courts to stop OR. The Democratic Party mayor of Buffalo has already announced that he and his cops will welcome OR with open arms. The county sheriff's department and federal marshalls are not going to be any better.

A federal court injunction did not keep the clinics open in Wichita. There is no reason to believe that an injunction alone will work any better in Buffalo. We cannot rely on the cops and the courts, at any level and in any city, to even minimally enforce their own laws to protect the rights of clinics and patients. Only large numbers of militant clinic defenders prepared to take direct action themselves can stop OR.

NWROC wants to work with any and all individuals and groups who want to stop OR in Buffalo, whether or not you fully agree with us. We urge everyone who wants to defend *Roe v. Wade* to join with us in Buffalo to send a loud and clear message to the Supreme Court that the pro-choice movement will not passively sit by and watch women's rights be taken away.

If you want to come to Buffalo, or help organize locally, or make a financial contribution to the Buffalo campaign, please contact us at NWROC, P.O. Box 1092, Detroit, Mich. 48231; or call our NWROC Hotline at (313) 832-4148.

Joyce Schon
SF Bay Area NWROC

CUAV Explains Itself

To the Bay Area Community:

The board and staff of Community United Against Violence (CUAV) are troubled by the coverage we have received in the press over the past few weeks. Many of our volunteers, and many members of the public, have expressed similar concerns.

We have agreed to avoid public comment on pending issues in order to give appropriate dispute-resolution efforts a chance to work. But we want to clear up some of the misunderstanding about who we are and what we are trying to accomplish, in order to maintain and enhance our hard-earned reputation as one of the only longstanding, bedrock community resources available to the lesbian/gay/bisexual population of the Bay Area. Part of the perception problem derives from our historical focus on programs and services, rather than on promoting our own accomplishments over the last 13 years.

CUAV's Programs and Services. CUAV does much more than just keep Bay Area statistics of hate violence against lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and people with AIDS. The problems of hate crimes (which increased another 11 percent last year), and domestic violence within our community, require more.

- CUAV operates a 24-hour crisis hotline (phone 864-SAFE) whose 20 professionally trained counselors provide emergency intervention and guidance for victims of gay-bashing incidents and domestic violence.
- CUAV's two professional client advocates render ongoing follow-up counseling, support, and advocacy services to bashing victims once their immediate crisis has ended.
- Our Speakers Bureau recruits, trains and organizes a corp of 100 community members who speak in San Francisco high schools and at other sites to try to divert emerging homophobic attitudes among the under-21 age group who have historically committed most of the bias crimes against lesbians and gay men.
- The Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project, and our developing Lesbian Domestic Violence Project, are pioneering efforts to identify and confront the issues around this hidden problem within our community and to render comfort, counseling and safety to those who have suffered from it.
- For a dozen years, our squadrons of safety and health monitors have patrolled community events such as Halloween, the AIDS/HIV Candlelight March, the street fairs, and other public events in order to provide community-based intervention without the need (or expense) of relying on overtime police officers.
- CUAV provides training and sensitization programs to each new class of Police Academy recruits and to Muni drivers, firefighters, doctors and staff of hospital emergency rooms, homeless shelter workers, senior escort service personnel, and others.
- CUAV promotes self-defense classes to empower members of our community to do something when attacked, other than just turning the other cheek.

CUAV's Organizational Structure. CUAV performs all of its community services with a staff of only 6.5 professionals (who are woefully underpaid by the standards of Bay Area nonprofit organizations), an unpaid board of directors, and thousands of community-based volunteers who have been trained over the years in the down-in-the-trenches work we do. We pride ourselves on CUAV's efforts to achieve diversity at all levels in race/ethnicity, gender, age, and socioeconomic background.

From cramped quarters in the heart of the Castro which have served as our base all these years, CUAV will soon be expanding to larger office space in the 900 block of Market Street. Not only will this move permit greater efficiency and expanded operations and services, it will also send the important psychological message that communities outside the Castro, who have traditionally been underserved but who are in great need of our services, can also depend on getting personalized attention to the problems specific to them, their communities, and their neighborhoods.

CUAV works with an annual operating budget of only $300,000—a small fraction of the amount available to many comparable community organizations. Of this amount, over 85 percent comes from governmental and other quasi-public funding sources that are continually threatened, this year more than ever. Community fundraising has faltered in recent years, with no CUAV-specific event serving as a focus for supporting our work. Our longtime effort with the Castro Halloween event is a natural focus for an enhanced community fundraising effort.

Halloween. For a dozen years, CUAV has provided the fundamental organizational infrastructure that has kept the Halloween-night celebration in the Castro safe and sane for everyone. In fact, it was CUAV's success in this effort that finally convinced the Police Department and other City officials that Halloween should be sustained as a community event, rather than shut down entirely.

Our role at Halloween, as with many of our public services, has been low-key and largely behind the scenes. This is as it should be; the best structure is one that does not impose its presence on those involved. CUAV has historically been associated with Halloween in the minds of those who know what we do on that night and for many months beforehand. But our unimposing presence has prevented many in the community from understanding all the planning and resources that must go into safety patrols (eliminating the need for an extensive police presence), Muni rerouting, street closures, parking controls, volunteer coordination and training, health and relief pavilions, weapons and alcohol interdiction, emergency facilities, and post-event cleanup.

CUAV has been pleased in 1990 and 1991 to have help in this effort from other community groups, including the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence who have helped bring increased focus to the Halloween event with their entertainment stage and fundraising activities. CUAV is currently involved in mediation with the Sisters to try to arrange an allocation of Halloween responsibilities and benefits that makes sense for them, for CUAV, and for the entire gay/lesbian/bisexual community of the Bay Area. We look forward to coming to a resolution of these issues in the next few weeks, which we can announce in an organized fashion to all interested parties.

Andrew T. Mead
Chairman of the Board
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Pink Saturday, Red Ink.

Mismanagement of Pink Saturday has organizers pointing fingers and AIDS beneficiaries empty-handed.

By Tim Kingston

Pink Saturday is an albatross around the neck of Board of Supervisors candidate Cleve Jones—and the gay/lesbian/bisexual community—that just won't go away. Ten months after the spectacular party in the Castro last June 29, the night before the gay parade, rumors and invective are still flying: that money was lost or stolen, that the event was mismanaged, that Cleve Jones and Joe Van Es ran off with the "proceeds."

Van Es and Jones—partner's in Joker Productions, the for-profit company running the party—categorically and vehemently deny any money from Pink Saturday ended up in their personal bank accounts. They argue Pink Saturday was a bust and that there were *no* proceeds to distribute, because the $92,370 event ended up $16,336 in the red. Jones also asserts that while he is a partner in Joker Productions, he did not take part in any of the major decisions around Pink Saturday. "I was not involved with it," denies Jones. "I was out of town for most of it. That is true. Stupid, but true."

Both partners do acknowledge that, instead of distributing the $38,621 obtained from admission charges at the gates to seven nonprofit beneficiary agencies—CUAV, Project Inform, Shanti, the Jon Sims Center, the Gay Men of Color Consortium, the 1993 March on Washington and the Women's Building—as had been promised, all the proceeds went to pay off creditors. Those figures all come from Van Es and Jones, and have not been verified by accountants yet.

The beneficiaries, although angry about the Pink Saturday debacle, have lost hope of recompense. In a letter printed in the *SF Bay Times* ["Statement and Demands," March 12], they make only one demand: "an audited financial report of the books of Joker Productions," to be completed by a Certified Public Accountant. Jones says such an audit will be ready by early May, two weeks "before the deadline of the beneficiaries." The problem with this, though, is that the CPA doing the "audit" is the same one that filed Jones' personal income taxes. Conflict of interest? Jones doesn't think so. "I am paying her. Well, nobody else offered to pay her. I am trying to live up to what the beneficiaries asked for. They wanted a CPA accounting, so they are getting it."

Van Es corrected Jones, stressing that the CPA is *not* doing a full audit, but simply a "reconstruction of finances." He says the CPA code of conduct would prevent any misrepresentation or conflict of interest on her part, and adds, "An outside audit is a question of money, who will pay for it. We don't have any money. We are broke."

FAIRYTALES

Not only are the finances of Joker Productions and Pink Saturday mired in controversy, so is their history. Many of the rumors directed at the Pink Saturday organizers seem to have been spawned by parties involved in last year's dispute over who got the street-closing permit. The combatants involved are Gilbert Baker, the designer of Joker Productions, vs. the "New Stonewall Liberation Day Parade and Celebration" organizers, Gil Block and Whitefeather.

Among the rumors circulating are allegations that cash bribes in "brown paper sacks" were paid to city officials by Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg to obtain street-closure permits for Joker Productions on Pink Saturday. An irritated Supervisor Achtenberg calls the rumors that she bribed city officials to get street-closure permits "the most preposterous assertions she has ever heard." As one source at City Hall put it, "For chrissake, she has taste. It would at least be a Gucci bag, not a brown paper bag. Anyone who knows Roberta, knows that is not true."

Another rumor, that the event sold beer without a liquor license, is demonstrably false. The *SF Bay Times* has obtained a copy of the license granted to the Tavern Guild, used by Joker Productions for the event, signed by Allen White, publicist and communications director for Pink Saturday.

Jones is also accused of taking a holiday in the Bahamas and/or buying a chateau in the South of France with money from Pink Saturday. When queried about these persistent allegations, he moaned and then became temporarily hysterical. "No. I have never been to the Bahamas," said Jones, asserting that he took a trip to Europe by cashing in his frequent flier miles. Asked about the chateau, he replied jokingly, "Yeah, I took all the money, and I bought me a castle in the South of France."

While some of the more outlandish stories are patently false, and the allegations of misappropriation by Jones and Van Es firmly denied, questions remain about the management abilities and organizational skill supporting Pink Saturday. The event was billed as self-supporting and able to provide the seven beneficiaries with at least $5,000 each in cash donations from the gate. But the promised money never materialized. Van Es and Jones themselves acknowledge debts are still outstanding: ex-staffer Ben Carlson is owed $1,000 back pay, the Police Department and Muni are owed approximately $3,000, and Randall Schiller Productions, a gay events organizer, is owed about $4,000.

Former Joker Productions employee Carlson, who worked at the Pink Saturday/Joker Production offices says his employers bit off more than they could chew. "I seriously believe the problem with Pink Saturday was the result of a lack of supervision and control rather than theft." He believes that there were too few people trying to do too much work: "The staff was tiny and the event was huge."

According to the demand letter, the disappointed beneficiaries believe that "gross mismanagement and lack of production experience by Joker Productions led to production costs far surpassing event income." One of the beneficiaries who dealt directly with Joker Productions charges that there was no budget control: "People were spending on expenses left and right. There was no strict accounting. And even on the night of the event, I felt it was not professionally handled."

Van Es replied that the planning and logistics of the event were "pretty flawless," but he admits, "in terms of the budget, that is an area [in which] we were lacking skills." When asked point blank if the event had been mismanaged, Van Es agreed it had. Financing and accounting, says Van Es, "is not my forte at all. I break out into a sweat about money." In addition, Van Es noted chronic cost overruns, where everything ended up being more expensive than anticipated. He argued that in the smaller events he had produced, such overruns were less significant; but when the bills were in the thousands of dollars, the overruns added up drastically.

JOKER VS. THE BENEFICIARIES

Van Es and Jones put much of the blame for Pink Saturday's financial woes on the shoulders of the beneficiaries. The Joker partners charge that the seven beneficiaries had pledged to provide 45 volunteers each, for a grand total of 300 volunteers. Jones and Van Es say nowhere near that number appeared and argue the lack of volunteers meant there were not enough people to staff the gates to collect a $1 entry charge, which reduced income. They also say the lack of volunteers led Joker to shut down some of the beer stalls early, in an effort to consolidate the few volunteers that were present; this also shrank revenue. The end result, according to Joker Productions, is that $20,000 less came in than was expected.

"None of the beneficiaries lived up to their commitment," complains Jones. "CUAV only sent one volunteer, and the Women's Building sent no one. I think people are being really unfair about the whole thing."

The beneficiaries, however, retort that, from the very beginning, they had warned Joker they could not come up with the volunteers, and that Joker should have prepared for that contingency. Specifically, the Women's Building and the March on Washington stressed they would be unable to provide any volunteers at all for the event. Both were kept on by Joker as beneficiaries. "We [Project Inform] did not agree on a specific number. All the beneficiaries [combined] agreed to provide a total of 300," says Bob Elkins. "I provided 35 and 40 volunteers. And some of those volunteers worked 10-hour shifts, including myself." Herb Felsenfeld, director of the Jon Sims Center, says the center not only provided 25 to 30 volunteers, but also got three gay marching bands to appear for free, making a total of about 165 volunteers for the night.

Van Es says Project Inform only provided 10 volunteers and Shanti only 15. Van Es, Jones and others present at the event assert that the second shift of volunteers never showed up. Jones says the gates only worked efficiently for about an hour, which was when the majority of the gate money appeared. Van Es says if 150,000 to 250,000 people show up, "and you pull in $38,000, something is wrong. If 150,000 show up, that breaks down to $1 for every seven people. If we had more volunteers at the gates, we could have pushed that."

When the second shift of volunteers did not show up, some beer stalls were shut down, says Van Es. "While some of the booths were not staffed, people helped themselves [to beer]. I think some people pocketed money," he says. "We lost money on beer. We lost money on soda. We lost

money on T-shirts. I know our procedure for carrying money was airtight. It could not happen on the way to the bank or at Brinks. It had to happen on the street. People either stole money or merchandise. The very things we counted on to pay for the event were not there. That is why we lost our shirt."

That explanation won't wash with the beneficiaries. One individual associated with the beneficiaries, who wishes to remain anonymous, says Pink Saturday told the beneficiaries that "liquor money was stolen there at the booth. If people don't purchase beer, that is an acceptable loss. But if it is stolen, that is their responsibility." He added, "Events are essentially business propositions....There are legitimate reasons why events succeed or not. Some of the reasons they gave us were reasons that, if they knew what they were doing, would not have happened."

FOLLOW THE OVERDRAFT ROAD

While there were undoubtedly problems on the day of the event, Pink Saturday was up to its neck in financial difficulties well before June 29, 1991. When Van Es, Jones and Baker started working together to organize Pink Saturday, in early 1991, they incorrectly anticipated that the major beneficiary and sponsor would be the Life Center, which was founded by Jones.

Joker had even designed and printed up 800 programs, as if Pink Saturday were already under the wing of the Life Center. However, when Van Es presented the Life Center Board of Directors with the proposal for sponsorship in April or May 1991, it was rejected. Roberto Esteves, president of the Life Center board, says Pink Saturday's application came far too late. "We felt the board did not have enough information to sponsor the event. We had sponsored Halloween [in 1989], and we knew the difficulty of getting volunteers. We asked for our name not to be affiliated with the event."

Jones asserts that he "begged" Van Es to give up on Pink Saturday as the tide of red ink grew ever higher. "I told them not to do it. I begged them not to do it! Practically a week or two before the event I said, 'You can't do this. You don't have enough money.' "

Van Es paints a somewhat different picture of Jones' initial involvement and eventual withdrawal. Van Es says that, at first, Jones was heavily involved in the production, suggesting ideas and a vision of the event that Van Es tried to bring into reality. But then things changed. "As we progressed, he became less and less interested," says Van Es. "He was definitely having second thoughts about it. The Life Center pulled the rug out from under us."

One individual deeply close to the action, who wishes to remain off the record, put it more bluntly. "Cleve sought to bail himself out as much as he could when things went wrong. Foremost in his mind was disassociating himself as much as he could, and basically sticking Joe with it."

When the Life Center bailed out, Joker had to move fast to find other beneficiaries and corporate sponsors. The event's original budget was about $60,000 to $70,000, and Van Es says he was confident new sponsors could be found. He managed to get the seven current beneficiaries on board, including last-minute additions of the Women's Building and the National March on Washington. Then, according to Gilbert Baker and Van Es, Joker Productions lined up a $10,000 sponsorship from Bracco, the local Bud distributor. *But no other corporate sponsors were ever found.*

Van Es says about a dozen corporations were approached, including Esprit, Coca-Cola and Levi Strauss, to no avail. He says that spring 1991 was simply too late in the corporate funding cycle to get any grants for an event slated for summer 1991.

As a last resort, Van Es began dipping into a $50,000 loan that both Van Es and Jones assert was made to Community Information Services/

Joker Productions by a friend of Jones'. That loan was originally meant to help create a 900 number information-line that would pay, in part, for the living expenses of Jones and Van Es. Van Es says approximately $20,000 of that loan was used to help keep Pink Saturday afloat. Joker's next attempt to get Pink Saturday in the black, according to Van Es, was to sell advertising in the Pride Guide. This also flopped, says Van Es. According to Van Es, the program lost $2,000.

Ultimately, that left beer sales and other merchandising the night of Pink Saturday to make up the difference in expenses, leaving the gate money for the beneficiaries, as had been promised. But Van Es says the receipts from the event were short by several thousand dollars. Van Es deposited the $38,621 in gate receipts at California Federal and took out a $34,000 loan against those receipts to pay off the creditors. So far, the beneficiaries' pledged money was untouched.

For much of this time during the summer of 1991, Jones says he was out of town doing a speaking tour in the Midwest for the Names Project, and then was out of the country on a two-week holiday in Europe. Jones says he got back to find Pink Saturday in deep financial straits, with Van Es taking out the loan to pay off creditors. Jones says he and Van Es then decided to pay off that loan using the $38,000 in the bank, which had, until that point, been earmarked for the beneficiaries. It was the repayment of the loan to the bank, to avoid further interest payments, that guaranteed the beneficiaries would never see any of the gate money.

Jones says he felt Joker's principal responsibility was to its creditors, not the beneficiaries. "We felt these [creditors] were largely individuals and small businesses that would have been hurt. They would have actually *lost* money. The beneficiaries did not put up a dime for this event. It is possible they may have budgeted for the use of that money but that would have been extremely unwise."

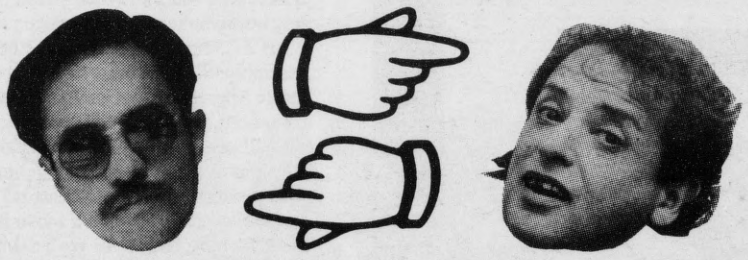
BATTERED & BESPATTERED HISTORY

From the very start, Pink Saturday was mired in controversy. First, there was a battle over the street-closure permit. Then, there was a last-minute liquor license application and possible improprieties in Joker Productions' use of the permit. Next, came a conflict over the simultaneous timing of Frameline's gay/lesbian film festival and Joker Productions' Pink Saturday on June 29. That legal wrangle resulted in a settlement in which Joker Productions agreed to pay Frameline for lost revenues due to the scheduling conflict on the last night of the film festival. Frameline asserts Joker still owes them over $1,000, but Van Es says that the damages clause was struck from a settlement negotiated between the two parties.

In the beginning, Pink Saturday was born as a gleam in the eyes of Whitefeather, Gilbert Block (aka Sister Sadie Sadie) and Gilbert Baker, who at that point, were all the best of friends. Then, in late 1990, they decided to form the "New Stonewall Liberation Parade and Celebration" as a giant pre-Parade festival. The moment the three got down to the nitty gritty of organizing the event, matters degenerated quickly.

Whitefeather and Block wanted an alcohol-free political community celebration that would close down the Castro for 24 hours: from June 28 at 6 pm to June 29 at 6 pm. Baker, however, wanted the celebration to be one big party, on one night, that served beer, so the expenses of running the event could be recouped. Neither side would give in.

The internal feuding continued, and Baker split from New Stonewall after an acrimonious meeting on Jan. 14, 1991. Gerald Schreyer, president of New Stonewall, charges that Jones and Baker then conspired to steal the event from New Stonewall for the benefit of Joker Productions and the Life Center. Schreyer and Block also charge that Jones said he would do the event "with or without" New Stonewall, and allege Jones also said, "You [New Stonewall] are not our kind of people." In a thinly veiled accusation, Whitefeather states, "In January we got a meeting from a gay leader. We were told we would never get our event.... They had connections with the police department. They had bribed someone." Whitefeather asserts "the fix was in," and Joker succeeded in transferring the permit for the "New Stonewall" event from Friday to Saturday.



Jones and Baker flatly deny that any bribery occurred, as does Rina Cutler, director of the Department of Parking and Traffic. Jones and Baker also deny that such threats were ever made. Baker says that when he was impeached and thrown out of New Stonewall in early 1991, he decided, "The hell with it; I will put this together on my own." He "absolutely" denies that he stole the permit; he says he "had a separate permit for a separate time." It was then that he teamed up with Joker Productions.

New Stonewall had applied for, and received, a permit in late 1990, to close Castro Street from June 28 to June 29, 1991. But Baker was the one with the trump cards. He had signed all the New Stonewall permits for street closures, and his name was on the letterhead of all the paperwork incorporating New Stonewall. That fact enabled him to apply for an *additional* permit in his name under the the organizational moniker "Stonewall West." He applied for and got a new permit for June 29 starting at 6 pm and going till 2 am. His permit became valid the moment the New Stonewall permit expired on June 29.

SFPD Officer Lea Millitelo swears she has seen the second permit and verifies its existence. The *SF Bay Times* also obtained a copy of the minutes from an Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) on Feb. 14, 1991, that referred to a street closure on June 29 from 9 am to June 30 at 2 am. But the permit itself seems to have disappeared, and the Department of Parking and Traffic can't find it.

The confusion over the whereabouts of the permits adds an element of lunacy to an already acrimonious situation. Whitefeather and other New Stonewall members have stated that there was no legal liquor permit, which also adds fuel to the fire. In fact, though, a liquor license *was* granted to the Tavern Guild. The permit was arranged by Allen White, Pink Saturday's communications and publicity director, after Van Es was unable to obtain one elsewhere. In exchange for the Tavern Guild taking out the license for Pink Saturday, Joker Productions gave the Tavern Guild $1,000 from the event. That $1,000 was promptly turned over to the Godfather Fund, a local AIDS charity.

The problem with that is that the State Alcohol and Beverage Commission (ABC) takes a rather dim view of a for-profit entity (Joker Productions) using a nonprofit group (The Tavern Guild) to obtain a one-day liquor license, so the for-profit group can realize the profits of the alcohol sales. Mike Tyrrell, the ABC district administrator for San Francisco, says, if "the sales are for the Tavern Guild, that is OK. But if Joker is just using the Guild so they can get profits from them, then it would be a violation."

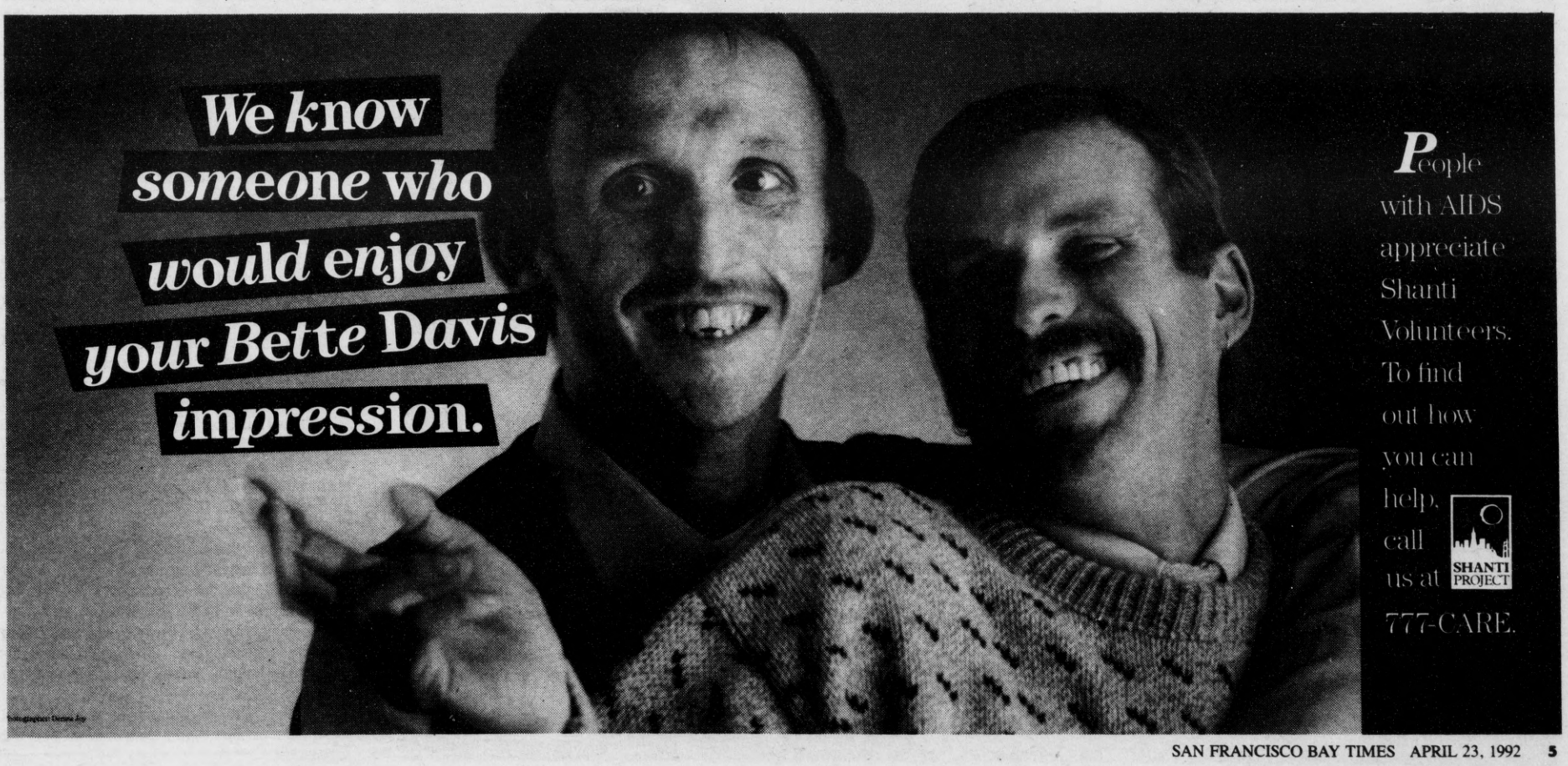
Tyrrell says, ominously, "We might not have approved the license where a very small percent of the alcoholic beverage profit is going to the organization that should be benefiting from the sale." He suggested that the next time the Tavern Guild comes in for a liquor license, they could be quizzed more extensively than in the past.

Finally, the political fall-out within the gay/lesbian community once more landed in the lap of City Hall. After weeks of rumor and accusations, the matter was aired in an inconclusive hearing by the Economic and Social Policy subcommittee of the Board of Supervisors on Aug. 13, 1991. After the hearing Supervisors Angela Alioto, Willie Kennedy and Carole Migden requested that a letter be drafted to Joker Productions requesting further information about the event. But, according to the minutes of the meeting, no one was actually sure if the supervisors had jurisdiction over the issue.

As is befitting the entire Pink Saturday affair, *no one* in City Hall can now find the letter: not any of the supervisors nor the clerk of the board, Kay Gulbengay, who drafted the letter. Jones asserts he never saw the letter. Van Es acknowledged that he received the letter from the board, and attended the Aug. 13 hearing, but he did not bother to reply. "In hindsight, I should have [replied]," says Van Es, but, he says, the meeting "was a hit job.... It was horrible."

Thus, the matter lay semi-dormant until March 1992, when the beneficiaries released their angry demand letter; a demand sent some five months after receiving the initial preliminary statement of finances from Joker. It may or may not be laid to rest next month, when Jones' CPA has finished her reconstruction of the financial records of Pink Saturday.

Keep your eyes peeled for further fun.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Queers to Ann Landers: Glad to be Gay

BY TOMMI AVICOLLI MECCA

Ann Landers' latest pronouncement on homosexuality is that it is "genetic"; it can be "suppressed but not altered." It wasn't an easy conclusion. It took over 75,000 letters and postcards to push the daily advice columnist to that declaration.

Those 75,875 letters and postcards were in response to her March 8 question to queer America: "Are you glad you're gay, or would you rather be straight?"

On Sunday and Monday, April 26 and 27, Landers will publish the results of her informal survey in her regularly syndicated column that appears in newspapers around the world.

Not surprisingly, the overwhelming response is that America's queers are quite happy to be the way we are, thank you. Of the tens of thousands of responses received by the advice columnist, the positive outweigh the negative by 30 to one. That means only about 2,400 people responded that they weren't happy being gay, while over 73,000 readers answered Landers' somewhat strange inquiry in the affirmative.

Both columns will consist almost entirely of excerpts from readers' responses. The few negative remarks Landers will print are on the order of "it's difficult being gay and maintaining our self-esteem in a world that constantly reviles us." Landers' column does not make it clear if this is what she counts as her "negative" responses.

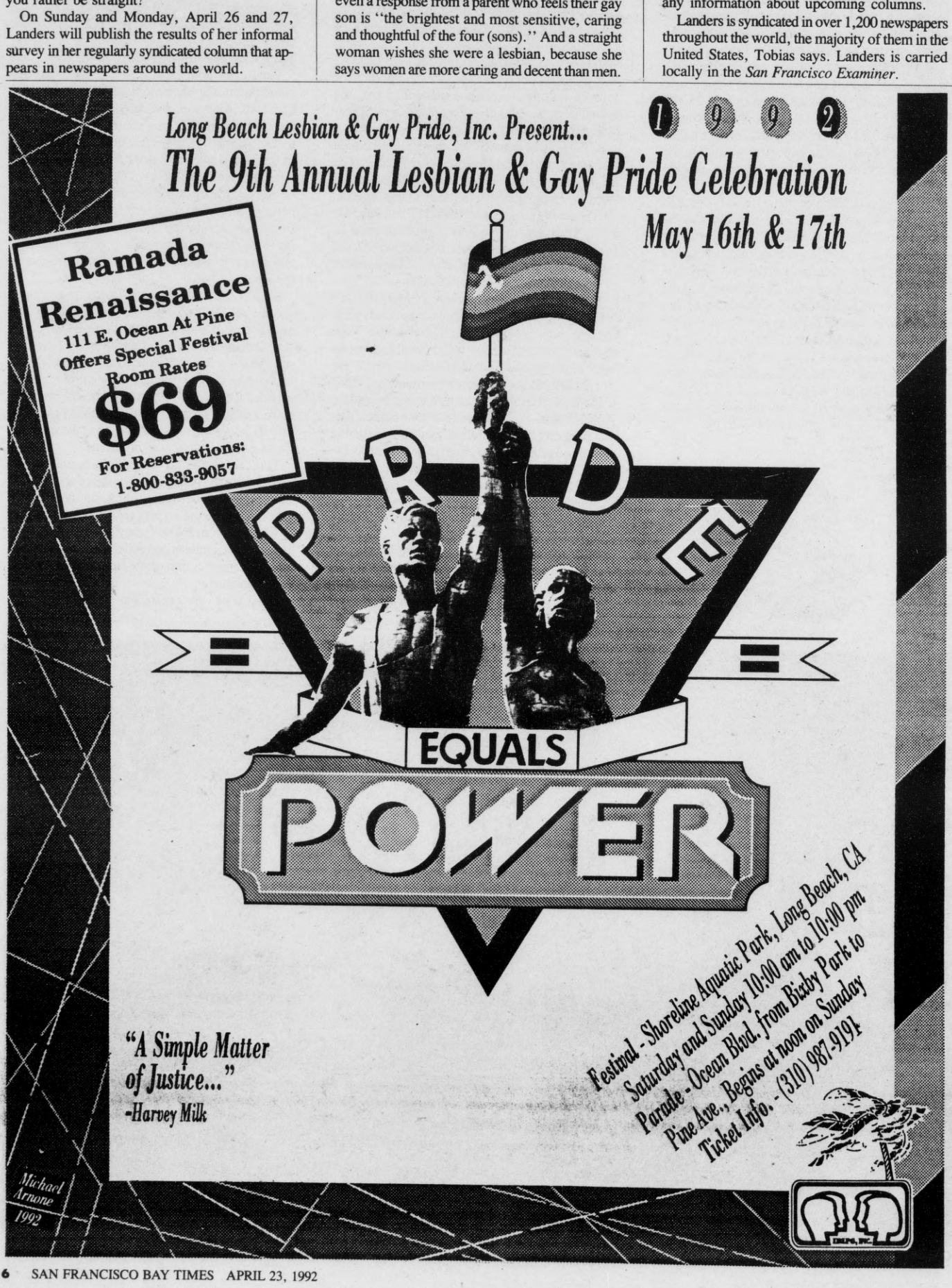
Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals weren't the only ones who answered the question. There's even a response from a parent who feels their gay son is "the brightest and most sensitive, caring and thoughtful of the four (sons)." And a straight woman wishes she were a lesbian, because she says women are more caring and decent than men.

Landers says she will devote two days to responses, because the issue produced "more mail than almost any other since I started writing this column nearly 37 years ago." In fact, more mail was generated by only one other column—when she asked women whether they prefer cuddling or "the act." Of the more than 90,000 who replied to that question, 72 percent said they are content to be held close and treated tenderly. Seventy percent of that number were under 40 years of age, a fact that surprised Landers.

Landers offers little analysis of the results of her recent gay survey, except to conclude that homosexuality is innate.

Landers' office at the *Chicago Tribune*, her home paper, says that she is out of the country for the next few days and cannot be reached for comment. Landers' secretary says she cannot give out any information about upcoming columns.

Landers is syndicated in over 1,200 newspapers throughout the world, the majority of them in the United States, Tobias says. Landers is carried locally in the *San Francisco Examiner*.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Needle Exchange Wends Through California Legislature

BY TOMMI AVICOLLI MECCA

Legislation to allow needle exchange in the state of California passed a major hurdle recently when the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee both gave it a nod.

The legislation—Assembly Bill 2525 and Senate Bill 1418, sponsored jointly by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the city and county of San Francisco—legalizes pilot needle-exchange programs as part of a plan to reduce HIV transmission among injection drug users.

San Francisco already has a needle exchange program, Prevention Point, that is supported by Mayor Frank Jordan, newly appointed Police Chief Richard Hongisto and the Board of Supervisors, among others. It is not, however, legal. But authorities in this city are overlooking that fact in order to reduce AIDS in a population that is estimated to be 16-20 percent HIV-infected. The State Office of AIDS proposes that injected drug use has emerged as one of the most prevalent risk factors for new AIDS cases in California.

Prevention Point, founded in November 1988, distributes 12,000 clean needles per week. To date, it is estimated that the program—the largest of its kind in the country—has exchanged 800,000 syringes.

The state needle-exchange legislation gives municipalities that qualify the authority to implement pilot needle-exchange programs as part of comprehensive prevention plans. These plans include street-based HIV education outreach to injection drug users and their partners, linkage to drug treatment services and primary medical care.

AB 2525 now heads for a vote before the full Assembly; SB 1418 must have its day before the Senate Appropriations Committee before it comes to the floor. It's uncertain at this time when either bill will come up for its next round of votes.

Regina Aragon, the AIDS Foundation state governmental affairs coordinator, says of the Assembly measure: "We'll move it to the floor when we have the votes. We've done our work on the committee votes. We need a little time to meet and get information to members who weren't on the committee."

Aragon said the needle-exchange issue in the Legislature has not been a partisan one. "Some Republicans voted for it in the Assembly," she reports.

In San Francisco, on Jan. 27, the Board of Supervisors passed a series of resolutions in support of needle exchange that were offered by Supervisor Angela Alioto. Those resolutions include support for the state legislation and a request to Jordan to ask the Health Commission "to submit a request for supplemental appropriations in the amount of $150,000 to pay for the cost of the comprehensive program for needle exchange and for drug treatment services."

Another of the resolutions honors the work of Prevention Point as "an essential public health service and life-saving program."

Needle-exchange legislation was first introduced into the California Legislature in the 1989-90 session, according to Aragon. That attempt failed on a floor vote. Similar legislation wasn't introduced again until this year—in the Assembly by Speaker Willie Brown and in the Senate by Sen. Diane Watson.

Aragon says that the foundation and the coalition that has formed around the legislation now needs to "double our grassroots efforts" to include "people from the rest of the state." Support especially must be secured, she says, from "moderate Democrats." She urged those interested in helping to call her office at (415) 864-5855 x 2599.

Gov. Pete Wilson's press office did not return a call from *SF Bay Times* for a comment on the legislation.

The Republicans Move In On City Hall

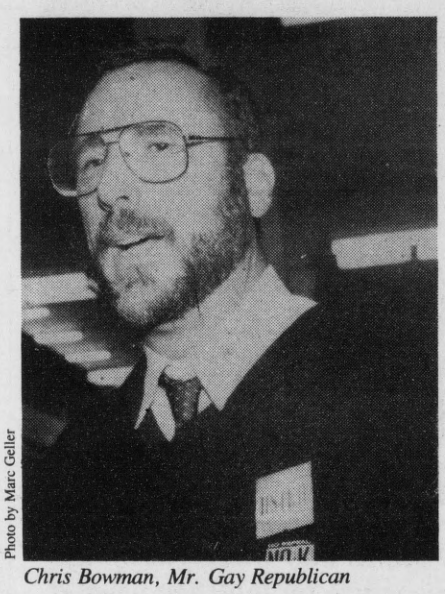
Who's Calling the Shots for the Gay Community?

BY SIDNEY BRINKLEY

Since Frank Jordan assumed office in January, the City's Republican party has attained a new level of visibility and a renewed hope of actively playing a part in City politics. That hope became a reality earlier this month, when Jordan appointed Republican Annemarie Conroy to the Board of Supervisors. However, while the Conroy appointment dominated the news, it was gay Republican Christopher L. Bowman who had set the true precedent for the City's Republicans months before when he was appointed to Jordan's staff. Since then, he has been quietly working in the background applying Jordan's vision of "diversity in government" to the gay community. Now Chris Bowman has emerged as not just the highest ranking Republican in the Jordan administration, but the most influential gay person there as well.

Widely respected for his political acumen, Bowman, 46, comes with a long political resume. He "came out" when he was 30 but says he was Republican long before that. He worked for Sen. John Anderson in 1980 before Anderson switched parties and decided to run for president. Bowman then became a top aide to Sen. Milton Marks before the senator switched to the Democratic Party.

Bowman is well established in both the state and local GOP. On the state level, he is a member of the Proxy and Credentials Committee. "One of the highest and most powerful committees at the state level," he says. He is the secretary of the city GOP, and prior to that served as vice-chair. He is also a member of the Republican Central Committee.



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Chris Bowman, Mr. Gay Republican

"I'm liberal on social issues and I'm pro-choice," he says. "I'm also what they call a 'green Republican,' because I'm concerned about environmental issues. But I'm very conservative on fiscal matters, foreign policy, defense and crime."

Bowman was active in the City's gay politics during the early 1980s, and though his new position has once again put him in the spotlight, he says he prefers to work behind the scenes. "I'm not a media queen like Cleve Jones," he says. "I welcome an opportunity to talk to the press, but I don't seek it out."

While he firmly backs the Mayor now, Bowman originally backed Tom Hsieh, and even when Hsieh dropped out of the race, he hesitated before backing Jordan.

"Like many people, I didn't think Jordan had a chance against Agnos. I was holding out because I thought Quentin Kopp would change his mind and run for mayor. I owed him some political favors and would have supported his campaign. When Jordan won the primary, I came on board."

His official title is "Special Assistant, Issues Research." He, along with Jean Harris, is a liaison to the gay community, but the two have different duties and respond to different constituencies in the gay community.

"Jean deals with gay Democrats and the activist community like ACT UP and Queer Nation, and she is doing a great job. I am the liaison to gay Republicans, the gay religious community, and to gay male and lesbian business professionals." Bowman says he also "monitors" five commissions for the Mayor: Housing Authority, Permit Appeals, City Planning, Redevelopment and Landmarks. That aspect of his job requires him to act as "trouble shooter" for Jordan and alert the Mayor of any potential controversies involving the commissioners.

However, his sphere of influence goes beyond the gay community. In March he was credited with authoring a controversial memo to Jordan listing various candidates for appointments to boards and commissions. Some became alarmed because the memo listed "Republicans" as a separate category, along with Asians, African Americans and Hispanics. Bowman says he was

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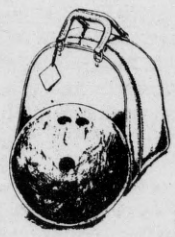

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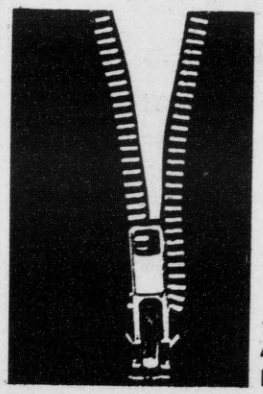

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part of the search committeee that came up with Conroy as a candidate for the Board of Supes. "She's good for the job and she's good for the City," he said. "She will show that Republicans are just as capable as anyone else."

Despite the Republican Party's conservative stand on gay rights issues, Bowman says, "Being gay has not been an impediment in either the local or state party." Besides, he says, though he's had "various opportunities to become a gay Democrat," he finds nothing appealing about that idea.

"I had a lot of friends in the Stonewall Democratic Club, and I went to one of their board meetings once. They talked about gay rights maybe twice during the entire evening. The rest was about Nicaragua, El Salvador and anti-this and anti-that. I finally told one of the more moderate members, 'I'm not a progressive, and I don't feel comfortable here.' So I joined Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights [CRIR] and decided to stay with the party. My family has been Republican since 1850 and we have a strong tradition in San Francisco of moderate Republicanism. I'm just a continuation of that tradition."

Bowman declined to comment on the current crop of gay male and lesbian Democratic elected officials, but says it is gay Republicans and not gay Democrats who are in the forefront of social change in California as well as middle America.

"The reason a lot of gay Republicans who have been alienated by some of the right-wing issues stayed with the party was because they can make more of an impact in middle America with the Republican Party than they could with the Democrats. Gay Democrats are great for doing a dialogue with other liberals, but big deal; they're talking to people who are already on board. That's not going to liberate us. What is going to liberate us is to get people in the middle to run beside us. Gay Democrats are not going after them. We are."

Bowman points to Rebecca Morgan (R-San Mateo) and Bill Filante (R-Santa Clara) as examples of the progress gay Republicans have made with conservative politicians.

"When Becky Morgan first joined the Senate in 1986, gays were unorganized in her district, and gay rights wasn't one of her issues. But she gave an eloquent speech on the floor of the Senate during the AB101 debate. That was because we had worked with her over the years, and it made a difference," notes Bowman. "We also worked on Bill Filante. He didn't know anything about gay rights until 1983 when [former CRIR president] Duke Armstrong and I went to Sacramento and lobbied him. Since then, he's been the only Republican in the Assembly to vote consistently for our issues. Now he's one of our strongest advocates for opening up the party apparatus [to gays]."

Photo by Rink

It seems that white gays only recognize an injustice when it applies specifically to them. No one joined the Black community in protesting the appointment of Republican Annemarie Conroy as the replacement for Doris Ward.

SILENCE IN THE GAY COMMUNITY

"I want to show the gay community I am not the homophobic ogre they think I am," Jordan said shortly after taking office, and that's what he has set out to do. The first piece of gay legislation he signed upon taking office was the card check law prohibiting bars from asking for more than one piece of identification. Though the legislation was actually a product of the Agnos administration, Black gays were happy about that. Jordan went to Sacramento to testify on behalf of legalizing a needle-exchange program in the City. AIDS activists were happy about that. He met with representatives from Queer Nation and ACT UP in his office to discuss their grievances. Street activists were happy about that.

However, Bowman says the lack of protest against Jordan involves more that his apparent appeasement, at least for the moment, of some of his harshest critics, but proves that the Mayor's support among gay men and lesbians is actually wider and deeper than generally acknowledged.

"Frank got 26 percent of the vote in the Castro," Bowman says. "On the hills where the gay community's upper middle class live, he got from 34 to 39 percent. In the lower middle class gay area around Polk Street, he got the same amount. People knew he was a fair person and that he listened, which is a hellava lot more than I can say about Agnos and his people."

Bowman continues, "That group of 30 or so that chased Jordan [during the protests over Gov. Wilson's veto of AB101] were a bunch of 25-year-olds and younger who had only been in the City a short time. They knew nothing about Jordan and his past support for the gay community. With the exception of the radicals who are in extreme left field, all the radicals are now supporting the Mayor."

While there are those in the gay community who would probably differ with Bowman on this last point, if indeed all the radicals are now supporting Jordan as stated, they had better not expect to be named to any boards and commissions in return for that support. Jordan and Bowman plan on empowering an entirely different constituency of the gay community.

"The gay community will fare well under Jordan but it will fare differently," Bowman said. "It used to be you had to be a member of Alice B. Toklas or Harvey Milk [gay Democratic clubs] to get an appointment to a board or commission. Alice was very close to Feinstein and Harvey was close to Agnos. Not any more. A lot of different elements of the gay community that have never been represented are going to get appointed. Gay Republicans, moderate Feinstein-type gay Democrats and people from the gay religious community, but not the usual political hacks."

Out of approximately 34 appointments to boards and commissions, three have gone to lesbians and gay men, each replacing an Agnos gay appointee. Juanita Owens, a moderate Democrat who formerly served on the Police Commission under Feinstein, replaced Paul Melbostad on the Board of Permit Appeals. Charles Morrow, aka "Empress Char," replaced Sharon Bretz on the Fire Commission, and David Deatrick replaced Gwenn Craig on the Police Commission. In addition, Larry Cruz was appointed to Jordan's staff and named Coordinator of Homeless Services.

JUSTICE FOR WHITES ONLY

However, Jordan's appointment of Annemarie Conroy to the Board of Supervisors has revived an ongoing complaint heard from Blacks and other gays of color: that white gays only recognize an injustice when it applies specifically to them.

"Welcome to another interesting week at City Hall," Jordan said at the press conference held to introduce Conroy on April 3. "This is the culmination of a successful week...all the right moves for all the right reasons." He was referring to the well publicized triple-play that had him fire Willis Casey, hire Richard Hongisto and appoint Doris Ward as Assessor. Now he was announcing Ward's replacement.

Earlier this year, when it appeared that Harry Britt was about to leave office before his term was up, there was a great deal of speculation in the gay community as to whether Jordan would appoint someone gay, and specifically male, to what is considered "Harvey Milk's seat."

Since Conroy assumed her position on the board, other than a little bemoaning of the fact that she is Republican by some Democrats, for the most part the gay community has not raised any particular objections to her appointment. Some have expressed a measure of support. When gay weeklies did articles on Conroy last week, neither referred to the controversy that her appointment stirred in the Black community. The question that Black gays are raising now is, "How is Harvey Milk's seat any different from Doris Ward's?"

"We have decided to send a letter to the gay press to let them know about our dissatisfaction with their reporting. It's not that they have to support our issue, but they didn't have the decency to even bring the issue up. We well know that if Jordan appointed anybody but a gay person to Harvey Milk's seat, there would be demonstrations in the streets," Gwenn Craig said at the Lesbians & Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA) general meeting last week.

Ironically, the way Jordan handled Ward's seat has implications for the gay community as well. Concerning the concept of an ongoing "Harvey Milk seat" on the Board of Supervisors, Jordan has sent a clear message to all who wondered: Given the opportunity to advance his political plans, no seat on the Board "belongs" to anyone.

Since all of this occurred, Jordan has been portrayed in the mainstream press as little more than a "yes man" for the trio consisting of fiancee Wendy Paskin, Chief of Staff Hadley Roff and political consultant Clint Reilly. At the same time he has been lauded for showing "he can make the tough decisions." Whomever is running the show, after weeks of apparent inertia, the Jordan administration has made some major moves. Now the gay community will see Jordan's—and Bowman's—vision for it made manifest. The jury remains out as to whether their vision for both the gay community and the City at large is one of positive diversity, or if Jordan's campaign pledge to return San Francisco to "the good old days" is going to take the gay community back to a time that wasn't so good for many gay men, lesbians and bisexuals.

Willie Brown Wins Endorsement Of LGADDA Club

BY SIDNEY BRINKLEY

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown spoke to the general membership meeting of Lesbian & Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA) on Thursday, April 16. Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has let stand California's controversial term limits measure, known as Proposition 140, Brown is making his final bid for the Assembly and was seeking the endorsement of the recently formed Black gay political group.

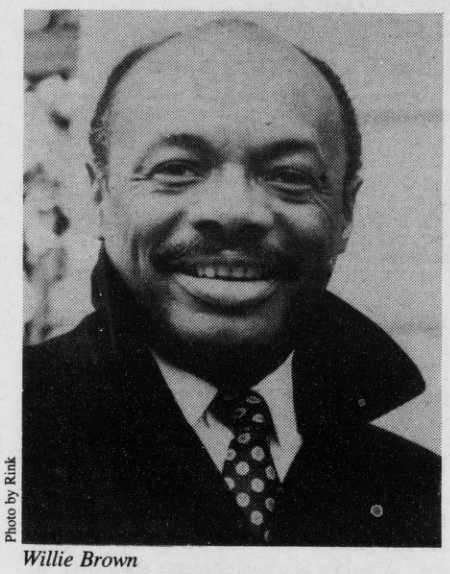
Among the approximately 30 Black gays and lesbians in attendance were a number of Black gay leaders, including Pat Norman, Director of California AIDS Intervention Training, Reggie Williams, Director of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, and Norman Nickens of the Human Rights Commission. All listened attentively as Brown re-capped his 28 years in the Legislature, spoke of the ins and outs of politics, and the current state of African American elected officials in San Francisco, during his 45-minute talk.

First elected to the Assembly in 1964, Brown said he was made Speaker through the backing of 28 Republicans and 23 Democrats. "And if you're wondering how I got 28 Republicans to vote for me, it's because they thought I would fail," he said. "They made me Speaker to insult the white Democrats."

However, he says to their surprise and consternation, he didn't fail. Instead, he went on to become the most powerful Black elected official in the state. "All the power is in the Speaker," he said. "Republicans hated the day they envisioned Willie Brown." Brown says that Proposition 140 was drafted specifically to remove him from office.

"They tried every trick in the book to get rid of me and when that didn't work they came up with term limitations. Not in our lifetime will there ever be another African American Speaker of the Assembly. There's no time to build the personal relationships necessary to attain that position. Term limitations will keep lesbians and gays, Hispanics, Asians and African Americans on the outside."

on the subject of local politics, Brown said though he bore no ill will toward Doris Ward, he called her appointment to Assessor "disastrous." Jordan has reduced the political power of African Americans by 50 percent," he said. "It's going to be tough re-electing another African American to the Board of Supervisors. Willie Kennedy is a lot less progressive than Ward on a lot of issues, and her re-election is not assured." As for Jordan's pick of Annemarie Conroy, he called it "the strangest appointment he's made."



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Willie Brown

However, while Brown was forthright about his plans to help empower Blacks in general, he said nothing about what he planned to do for Black gay men and lesbians in particular, and during a brief question and answer period he was not asked. In fact, the Speaker was not asked any challenging questions. LGADDA co-chair Kerrington Osborne says such questions were not necessary, because the members of the organization are already aware of Brown's support.

"Instead of asking 'what are you going to do for us?,' many feel you've already done a lot for us and we should continue to support you," Osborne said. "We have started a dialogue and we will be meeting with him to talk about specific issues, given his statements to take an interest in San Francisco politics. It's up to us to challenge the Speaker on support for African American lesbian and gay political candidates, but we need to first identify who those candidates will be."

Afterward, LGADDA membership voted overwhelmingly to endorse Willie Brown's re-election bid. In addition, they voted to endorse LGADDA co-founder Byron McQuarter's campaign for a 12th Assembly District seat on the Democratic County Central Committee.

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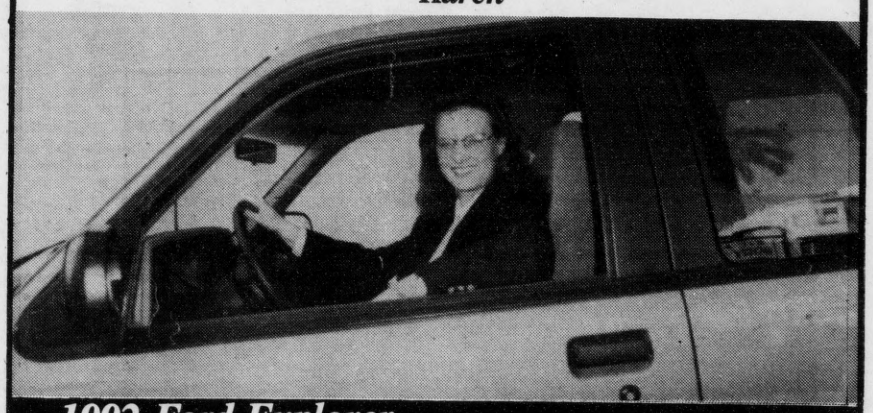

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For Old Dykes' Sake:

Community Honors Its Elders With Memorial Awards

BY VICKY PHILLIPS

If you want to find out Who's Who in any area from sports to filmmaking, that information is readily available—unless, of course, you have the urge to know Who's Accomplished What in the lesbian world. That kind of information is a wee bit harder to come by. Or at least it used to be.

On Saturday, May 2, at 2 pm, at the New Performance Gallery in San Francisco, a "new" kind of performance will indeed occur. History will be made as three extraordinary old lesbians step forth to be honored with the first-ever Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Awards. According to Pat Durham, Coordinator of the Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders Program (GLOE), and a member of the Pat Bond Committee, this event is the first time old lesbians have been sought out and publicly lauded for their contributions to society as a whole.

The Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Awards were organized in memory of lesbian actress-comedienne Pat Bond, who died of cancer on Christmas Eve, 1990, at the age of 65. During her long career, Bond, one of the first openly lesbian performers in theater, delighted and inspired audiences across the country with her witty one-woman shows, which included such hits as *Conversations With Pat Bond*; *Gerty Stein Is Back, Back, Back*; *Murder in the WAC*; and *Lorena Hickock and Eleanor Roosevelt: A Love Story*. Pat is also remembered for appearing as herself in the groundbreaking 1978 gay documentary *Word Is Out*.

Though Pat is gone, her friends have kept her inspirational memory alive by organizing the Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Awards. The idea and initial funding for the awards came from actress-comedienne Terry Baum, a friend of Pat's, who originally turned to the gay and lesbian community for contributions to help Pat obtain home health care during her last few months.

"But Pat never came home from the hospital that last time," explains Baum. "So I wrote to all the people who had contributed to her fund and asked if their donations could be used to establish an awards program so that older lesbians could be assured recognition for their achievements while they were still around to enjoy it." When the donors all said yes, Baum began the long process of making the dream a reality. The members of GLOE assisted each step of the way by organizing materials and handling the procedural aspects of the event.

In addition to Terry Baum and Pat Durham, The Pat Bond Committee includes Little Sun Heard, Phyllis Lyon, Del Martin, Ruth Morales and Rosalie Nichols. Last October the committee put out a call for nominees for the first awards. Any lesbian over 60 years of age who lived in the seven-county Bay Area and had achievements which had *not* been significantly recognized by the community, was eligible for nomination.

Seventeen nominations were submitted. That, agrees the committee, was the beginning of a very difficult selection process. Since the Old Dyke Awards carry a cash honorarium of $200 each, the committee regrettably could only afford to financially recognize three of the 17 women.

"Choosing *the* three was a very, very difficult job," says Baum. "It essentially came down to our having to choose among equals. And that was hard work."

Pat Durham echoes Baum's sentiments. "Choosing was the hardest thing in the world to do. These women had all done tremendous things. They were all winners. One nominee had eight gold medals in swimming from the Gay and Lesbian Olympics. These women had been active in everything from political fundraising to the fight against racism to the reclamation of women's oral history. They were all truly extraordinary."

But choose they did. After several weeks of agonizing discussion and in-depth interviews with the nominees, the committee announced the three award-winning Old Dykes: Mary Flick, Vera Martin and Charlotte Ostergren. The other 14 nominees, who will also be honored at the May gala for their outstanding service to society, and given photo placards with their achievements inscribed, are: Jeanne Adleman, Rusty Brown, Charlotte Coleman, Sarah Davis, Dottie Fowler, Reba Hudson, Monica Kehoe, Frances Lorraine, Janny MacHarg, Jess McVey, Kate Rosenblatt, Mickey Spencer, Ricki Streicher and Natalie Zarchin.

MARY FLICK

Old Dyke award-winner Mary Flick, who is 77, has achieved so much to date that one might well wonder how one woman could possibly have found the time to give so much. Flick's involvements include the Peace Movement, NOW, the ERA campaign and women's groups within the Unitarian Church. She is also an accomplished stage personality, with credits with OPTIONS for Women Over Forty Experimental Theater and the Mothertongue Feminist Theatre Collective. She is currently active with GLOE and the Old Lesbians of the Bay Area.

Asked what inspires her to give to so many people and such diverse causes, Flick responds matter-of-factly, as though it has never occurred to her *not* to be active in the world around her: "I've always had the energy." Then, after a slight pause, she adds, "I believe we're put on this earth to help people. That's what it's always been about for me."

Flick knew her friends were nominating her for the award since they asked her permission before submitting the nomination papers. "Go ahead and do it," she replied when they asked. "I'd be honored." Flick was surprised when the committee called with the news that she'd won. And even more surprised when she saw all her achievements compiled on paper by her partner. "I just never thought I'd done so much," Flick commented upon seeing her own biography. "I guess I never stopped to think about it. I just did it."

Maybe the real truth is that Flick kept so busy she didn't have time to think about it. Aside from her community service activities, Flick enjoyed a full career as a social worker in child welfare in Milwaukee, Wis., until she retired 12 years ago. She has enjoyed living in the Bay Area since her retirement and has a son who also makes his home here. Flick also has a daughter and one grandchild, who reside in Washington state.

While Flick's son is not gay, he'll be escorting her to the Old Dyke Awards and thinks it's "great" that his mother is being honored. "He understands about my being a lesbian," explains Flick. "It's nice. He has no objections."

Of all the things Flick has done, she won't hesitate to tell you that the Mothertongue Feminist Theatre Collective was her favorite. "It was my real love. A fun thing. For me it was very worthwhile to be involved in portraying women's oral histories."

Flick's current passions include helping with the planning and execution of GLOE and Older Lesbians' co-sponsored quarterly social dances at the Oakland Yacht Club. "It's great fun," Flick says. "Over a hundred people come and dance."

Flick is also currently involved in the compilation of a consciousness-raising manual about ageism, a cause close to her heart. "I think *all* old people tend to be ignored and not respected in this day and age. We're invisible, not just in the gay and lesbian community, but everywhere. I think the Old Dyke Awards are great for two reasons: First, they keep Pat's memory alive, and second, there is a very real need for recognition of old women in this society."

VERA MARTIN

Vera Martin has been on the go since she left Louisiana at the age of 16. A recent resident of the Bay Area after 50 years in the Los Angeles area, Martin's accomplishments span over 40 years of community service with the NAACP, Connexus, labor unions, fair housing agencies, African American student exchange programs, and public drop-out prevention programs. Martin's current involvements are with the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, the Old Lesbian Organizing Committee, and the Old Lesbians of the Bay Area.

Vera Martin's life has not been a storybook affair, but personal adversity has never prevented her from doing whatever she felt needed to be done along the way. Martin was married at 18. Not long after, she had her first child. She describes herself at that age as a woman who was doing the best she could, considering she'd "just fallen off a Louisiana turnip truck."

With two children and a determination to raise them in a "normal two-parent household"—something Martin had not experienced in her own childhood—Martin stuck by her man and her marriage until her oldest child was a teenager. Asked why she didn't divorce sooner, Martin responds with an enthusiastic heartwarming chuckle, "I was determined to have a June Cleaver family. *Determined.*"

When Martin decided to leave her marriage, she put her husband's things in a car and drove them to his mother's house. Then she drove home and changed the locks. Then she sat down and wondered how she would make it with two children (the youngest only three), 18 cents in her pocket (she counted), and mortgage, car payments, and a not-so-high-paying job as a key punch operator for the county of Los Angeles. Things didn't look so good back then.

"But I had to leave that marriage," Martin insists today. "I wanted to conquer the world, change things, shake things up. He thought everything was just fine as it was. He didn't want to change anything, including himself. What happened was I outgrew him."

Following her divorce Martin didn't immediately conquer the world; but clearly she managed to create a few major quakes along the way. To keep the kids, the car and the house secure, Martin worked three jobs. "And you know what?" she says today. "I kept 'em all. The kids, the car *and* the house. I gave that house to my daughter as a wedding present. I was determined to make it, and I did."

When Martin wasn't working at her 39-year-long career or attending the PTA ("I never missed a meeting for those kids. I was always there clapping"), she was constantly righting the wrongs she saw all around her. At one point she dropped in at Connexus "just to find somebody to talk to," and proceeded from there to lead rap groups, then joined the board of directors in an attempt to help the financially troubled agency raise funds. Asked how she managed to go from dropping in to use Connexus' rap services to serving Connexus as a board member, Martin chuckles. "I don't know. I think I got started talking and just couldn't shut up."

One of Martin's most enjoyable activities was touring the Los Angeles area with a skit for Good Neighbors, a fair housing agency. "We went into these Wonder Bread communities and I played this mean militant. I scared the hell out of those people. It was fun."

It was 1973, following the death of her second

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MARY FLICK

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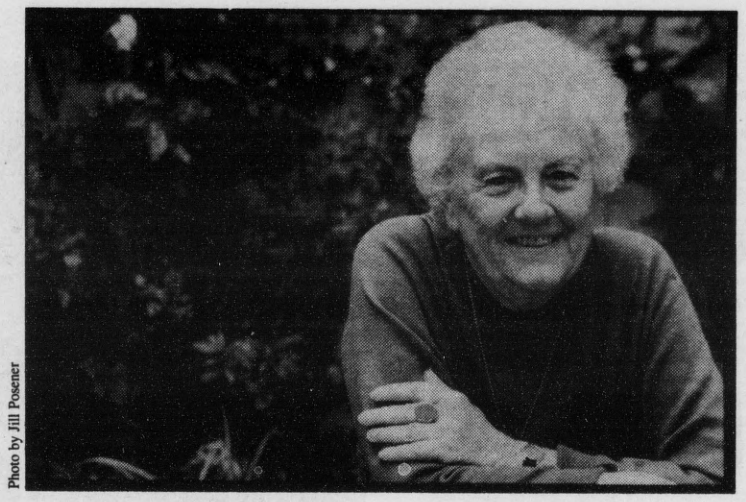
VERA MARTIN

husband, a gay man ("a marriage of convenience"), before Martin openly "hung out her shingle as a lesbian." She had had women lovers before and during both marriages, but feared losing the children if she made public disclosure. "It was like being born again. I wished I'd had the courage to do it sooner, but back then a woman had no legal backup."

Martin has some advice for other women. "Volunteer and help out. It always makes a difference." She would like to know, "where are the other women of color? Please get in touch!" And Martin is serious about the latter. She recently gave out her home number during a radio program on older lesbians with a San Mateo station. "Tell 'em to call me!" she cajoles.

Martin will go to Texas following the Old Dyke Awards to present a workshop on racism at the Third Annual Lesbian Conference.



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CHARLOTTE OSTERGREN

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Old Dyke Charlotte Ostergren came to San Francisco in 1958, after her lover was transferred here from New York. She taught in the public schools for 26 years and retired this past February. Her achievements include serving as the first woman commissioner of the gay softball league, receiving a KABL Award for her fundraising efforts with the SF Public Schools, working on the tricycle races at the Mint in the early '70s, and fundraising for the Tavern Guild. She helped write the first grant for Operation Concern and played Aunt Em in an Operation Concern benefit production of the Wizard of Oz.

Ostergren's motivation for community work comes from a lifelong and heartfelt belief that if something needs to be done then one should roll up their sleeves and do it. "I saw a need and I felt like doing it." I enjoyed doing it all. I like people; it started with that."

An adventuresome soul early on, Ostergren was born in St. Paul, Minn., began college in Florida, completed college in Washington, D.C., ventured up to New York, then came to the Bay Area and came out 34 years ago.

Ostergren sees her life and achievements as a natural process of giving what you can to those who need it around you. Accordingly, she remains modest in assessing her life's work to date. "I don't see that I've done so much; maybe that's because I had so much fun doing it all."

Her true love has always been her work with the schools and the children she has taught along the way. And her career has not been limited to standing at the blackboard disseminating dry information. She was active in the 1960s civil rights movement through her teaching in the Bay View Hunter's Point area, and continued throughout her career to organize and plan events to help subsidize better educational opportunities for Bay Area youth.

Ostergren didn't know she was being nominated for the Old Dyke Awards because her friends kept it a secret. "I laughed when I found out they'd nominated me. I felt proud, but felt I couldn't win because my life seemed so normal to me."

Ostergren sees the awards and what they represent as an important happening in the community. She met Pat Bond years ago and knew her through her performances and work within the community. "I would very much like to see the awards continue, first because of Pat and the fact that it's true that we tend to forget those who did so much over time, and secondly because I think people, all people, need recognition."

Ostergren isn't sure that community work is good for everyone, but didn't hesitate to say, "Personally I thank God that some people find it rewarding and continue to be so active."

THE NEED FOR OLD DYKE AWARDS

Terry Baum initially launched the Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Committee and Awards because she, as Pat's friend, knew that "as Pat got older and became too frail to perform, she felt she was forgotten by the community she had contributed so much to. And that was sad."

Committee member Phyllis Lyon sees the awards as a natural extension of a much-needed campaign to fight ageism. Says Lyon, "People don't see old people as being of any use. I suppose it makes them think of their own mortality. Personally I think it's weird when people don't want to be friends with other people because of race or class or sexual orientation or because of anything not related to the fact that they just don't like them."

Lyon points to recent conferences on old lesbians as "a step in the right direction. That movement and the need to recognize and combat ageism in society as a whole is one reason we decided that honoring old lesbians was the way to go." Lyon is also quick to point out that while all nominees had outstanding records of achievement, people should realize that "as a group they are really not that different from many older women who are active."

Committee member Pat Durham strongly concurs. "Many—no, *most*—older women feel invisible in the world at large, and it isn't that much different in the gay and lesbian community. People assume we don't exist. We use the term 'old' in these awards and our efforts deliberately. We use 'old' rather than some other term like 'elderly' because there is so much ageism. We want people to understand that 'old' is okay. There is nothing wrong with being old, no matter what society says."

The committee and the women being honored encourage everyone to come to the May 2 awards ceremony. "It's gonna be a lot of fun," Durham promises with a laugh. "We don't have any politicians speaking, so it won't be deadly. We wanted it to be fun because we knew Pat would have liked that."

And the program does look like fun. Ivy Bottini, an old dyke stand-up comic from Los Angeles, will be the emcee. Additional entertainment will be provided by Terry Baum, performing from her hit production *One Fool*, and songs from Old Dyke nominee and composer-singer Janny MacHarg.

There is a suggested sliding scale donation of $5-$25, with the proceeds from the event going to the Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Fund, so that the event can continue on a biannual basis. The New Performance Gallery is located at 3153 17th St. at Shotwell, in San Francisco. It is wheelchair accessible and within easy walking distance from the 16th Street BART Station.

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The recipe not only produced an AIDS panic over the city's hotlines and a feeding frenzy on the part of the national media, but also resulted in a rash of bomb threats to two AIDS organizations and the increased harassment of gay men on Philadelphia streets. The city's Commission on Human Relations, headed by Kevin Vaughan, an out gay man, received reports that some PWAs were frightened to go outside for fear of being identified with Savitz and beaten. The increase in harassment of queers prompted Vaughan to call a special press conference to denounce anti-queer violence.

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Willie Williams (soon to be Los Angeles' new chief) denounced hate crimes at the news conference and pledged increased patrols in the Center City gay neighborhood. Vaughan says that he was aware of 25 incidents of harassment in the wake of the press "free-for-all" in the Savitz case.

At the height of the frenzy, everybody was calling press conferences. The most interesting was the one sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in conjunction with the D.A.'s office, to dispel claims that the Archdiocese delayed reporting to authorities information about Savitz, which was conveyed by students to a counselor at Bishop Neumann, a Catholic high school. According to one unsubstantiated report, the principal of the high school wanted to avoid bad press during a fundraising drive.

The Archdiocese had no cause for alarm. In Philadelphia, the Archdiocese receives more respect than any other institution. When an ailing Archbishop John Cardinal Krol retired last year, one would have thought he was a head of state. The mass and proceedings for his successor preempted the afternoon soaps and elicited laudatory accounts in the print and electronic media.

On top of everything else, a week after the D.A.'s press conference, five men filed a class action suit against Savitz, claiming he knowingly exposed them to HIV. But a verdict in that case could ultimately involve financial gain for 500-700 teens who had sex with Savitz and who claim the businessman was negligent for not telling them he had AIDS.

The Savitz case, which made news all over the world, is bound to have serious repercussions for years to come. Some AIDS activists fear that reactionary legislators will use the Savitz case to push for criminalization of HIV transmission in ultra-conservative lawmaking bodies such as the one in Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania. To most of the folks in Harrisburg, Philadelphia is a hotbed of liberalism on par with San Francisco.

The case also raises many important questions for queers and people with AIDS, most importantly, who is responsible for safe sex during an encounter, and how does one determine if a particular individual transmitted HIV to someone else?

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

Savitz, who is also known as "Uncle Ed" or "Fast Eddie," was arrested on March 25, then re-arrested three days later for alleged sexual crimes with a total of four teenage boys. But D.A. Abraham's office claims that it has the testimony of 50 boys to back up the media's portrait of this man as an AIDS-spreading pedophile, a sort of "second coming of Typhoid Mary"—as Savitz's attorney reads it—who purchased dirty underwear and feces from hundreds of good Catholic boys, many of whom live in an Irish working-class area known as Grays Ferry and attend Bishop Neumann High School in nearby South Philadelphia.

Savitz, an insurance actuary by profession, is charged with the sexual abuse of children by allegedly taking explicit photos, corrupting the morals of a minor, promoting prostitution, criminal solicitation, and attempted involuntary deviate sexual intercourse.

Bill Davol, director of communications for the D.A.'s office, says that the investigation continues into Savitz's activity with teenage boys. This investigation could result in further charges. Davol claims that police surveillance of Savitz's apartment in a ritzy section of Center City populated heavily by gay white men, produced video evidence of his sexual activity with "juveniles."

According to accounts in the two Philadelphia dailies, neighbors complained for months about the stench from Savitz's apartment (apparently from the dirty underwear and bagged feces) and the frequent visits by teenage boys.

Bail for Savitz's first arrest was set at $30 million; for the second at $20 million. Davol says that the D.A.'s office recommended high bail in both cases because Savitz is seen as a suicide and/or flight risk. Savitz met the 10 percent requirement on the first bail, but is appealing the second, which has been reduced to $4 million. A superior court decision in that appeal is expected any day now. Meanwhile, Savitz remains in the hospital section of the Philadelphia Detention Center.

SAVITZ DENIES CHARGES

Savitz's attorney, Barnaby Wittels, says his client maintains he is "not guilty."

Wittels also says that his client never engaged in anal sex with anyone, despite a contrary allegation from one of the teens. Wittels says of that charge, "[The teen] says [in his original statement] that my client put his penis near his asshole and jerked off." The next day, according to Wittels, when the teen was called by police and read the statement back, the line changed to, "I would let him put it in."

Wittels doubts the accuracy of that statement. "I never heard a 15-year-old who talks like that." Savitz's attorney maintains that there is no allegation of "full penetration, no allegation of ejaculations inside the rectum"; in short, "no high risk encounter."

Wittels also says that the D.A.'s office has yet to "produce a single person who tested positive" as a result of sexual activity with his client. Of course, he acknowledges the impossibility of proving that one became HIV-infected from a particular encounter.

But that hasn't stopped the press from repeatedly asking everyone in sight how many teens were infected by Savitz. Their coverage has included headlines such as "AIDS Carrier Preyed on Teens, Police Say" (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, March 28) and "AIDS Carrier Bought Teen Boys" (*Daily News*, March 28).

As for the class action suit, Wittels snaps, "People do just about anything for money and attention, don't they?" He adds, "My client, after he learned he had AIDS, practiced safe sex because he was considerate of his partners."

Asked if Savitz practiced safe sex before his diagnosis, Wittels says he doesn't know.

The legal age of consent in Pennslyvania is 16. "Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a person under 16" is a felony, while "corrupting the morals of a minor" is a misdemeanor. Corrupting the morals of a minor can be anything from urging him to rob a bank to asking him if he wants a blow job.

But Wittels says he hasn't seen a prosecution for corrupting the morals of a minor since the 1960s, when courts "used to do them wholesale."

GRAYS FERRY

Grays Ferry is not a section of the city that queers think of fondly. Youths from that area have been known to wander into nearby "Judy Garland" Park to bash queer men cruising along the river for sex in the bushes. One of Grays Ferry's renowned native sons, Francis Rafferty, a Rev. Lou Sheldon-type without the collar, regularly lashes out at queers and voted against gay-positive legislation while a member of the city council.

It is not surprising that youths from this area, in speaking to the media about "Uncle Ed," insist they are not queer and did whatever they did "for the money."

"I hated this guy," a 17-year-old from Grays Ferry told the *Daily News*. "I'm not queer or anything. I just went up there for the money. That's all it was. He'd never make you do anything you didn't want, and he'd always pay."

Another 17-year-old told the paper, "Why do you think everybody went down there? To get money to get high."

BIGGER THAN LIFE

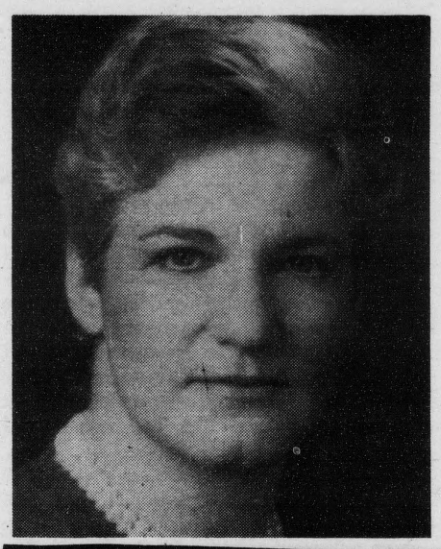
Abraham was appointed to her position less than a year ago after the former D.A., Ed Rendell,

decided to run for mayor. Rendell, who took office in January, is perceived as a longtime friend of the queer community. He was one of the first politicians to court the queer vote back in 1979 while running for D.A. Rendell has appointed at least two gay men to positions within his administration—one of them Vaughan.

Abraham herself is perceived as pro-gay, the perfect successor to Rendell. In her former role as a judge, Abraham was outspoken in her support for the fair treatment of queers by the judicial system.

But Philadelphians prefer their politicians to be bigger than life—the stuff of old Hollywood epics. Consider that the last mayor, Wilson Goode, the first Black man elected to that post, bombed a Black neighborhood to evict a Black radical group no one liked. He was reelected mayor. Then there was Frank Rizzo. The original Italian stallion, his crime-fighting philosophy was "spacco il capo" ("Break their heads"). Rizzo once said he'd make "Attila the Hun look like a faggot."

If the Savitz fiasco is any indication, Lynne Abraham has become the perfect successor to Rizzo and Goode, a true Philadelphia politician who will probably make lots of headlines in her time and then run for mayor. If she keeps up the good work, she's a shoo-in.



"Alleged Heterosexual" Philadelphia D.A. Lynn Abraham.

MEDIA FEEDING FRENZY

What followed Lynne Abraham's March 27 press conference has been described by AIDS activists and health department employees alike as a media "free-for-all," as detail after detail was "uncovered" about Savitz's alleged sexual proclivities. Many photo opportunities were offered for the headline-hungry media, among them the discovery of a bag of teenager underwear in Savitz's possession. Another was "5,000" photos of "up to 3,000 different" boys in "various stages of undress or sexual activity," according to D.A. spokesperson Davol, who also said that Savitz's sexual activities with boys could date back as far as 25 years and involve 5,000 boys.

Many of the reports about Ed Savitz and the boys who visited him *willingly* (according to all accounts, including Davol's) at his posh apartment in downtown Philadelphia played on the sensationalism of the case. In the days following the press conference, unconfirmed numbers of teens called AIDS hotlines and appeared in the media to say that they had sold underwear and feces to Savitz, or engaged in sexual activities with "Uncle Ed." Some said he fucked them; some boasted of fucking him. The sex was not always the protected kind, many said.

Even confidential data from calls to the AIDS hotlines made it into the newspapers and on TV. Reporters and cameras were busy checking out gay male cruising spots and showing up at gay community center functions to query the queers about "Uncle Ed."

TV cameras whirred in schoolyards while reporters quizzed children on whether they ever sold underwear to "Fast Eddie." School children appeared with blurred faces on the evening news to confess to the world that they were indeed players in the best game to hit the local media in a long time.

And judging by the lawsuit filed by John Doe one through five, teens also realize that money can be made by alleging sexual activity with Savitz.

Scott Tucker, a member of ACT UP, describes Abraham's press conference as "dropping red meat in the tank."

Marla Gold, assistant health commissioner for infectious diseases and an out lesbian, concurs. "Because it was a free-for-all," she says, "everyone tried to outdo the others for stories."

CONDOMS IN HER FACE

Bill Davol says that Abraham never anticipated the attention this story would receive. Asked how someone as politically savvy as Abraham could fail to see what would happen with a story like this, Davol says, "Her heart and mind were in the right place. She never thought about the other things."

Many in the queer community who know Abraham personally are saying that she "blew it." They say that she's not homophobic. ACT UP's Tucker has a different read. "The D.A.'s an ambitious politician," he says. "Anyone who believes that the D.A. and the cops didn't play upon homophobia and AIDS panic in the Savitz case probably believes that the Republicans didn't play into racism with the Willie Horton ad."

ACT UP wants to know why it was so urgent to hold the press conference at 3:30 pm on a Friday afternoon when all the AIDS agencies that could handle panicked calls were shutting down for the weekend.

Davol says that the city's press had information on the case prior to the press conference. "The story was already raging," he says. The crux of the press conference, he says, was the possible health risk to Savitz's contacts. "We thought we may be looking at 5,000 contacts," says Davol. The D.A. felt a press conference was a good way to alert them to the fact that Savitz had AIDS.

Being an actuary, Savitz numerically coded his "hundreds" of sexual contacts in his files, Davol says. But "how do you contact people?" he asks. In announcing the arrest of Savitz, Abraham made a plea to those boys who had sex with Savitz to "take appropriate steps because of the fact that this defendant has AIDS."

But the bottom line in the Savitz case is determining who was at risk. If Savitz fucked the teens without a condom, then they were at risk. However, if they fucked Savitz without protection, he was. And how did Savitz get AIDS in the first place—from the teens? A lot of questions, but no definitive answers.

Davol says that Savitz was fucking the boys. But Gold says that reports coming in on the AIDS hotlines allege all sorts of sexual activity was going on, protected and unprotected.

Savitz's attorney Wittels says Savitz didn't fuck the teens. It's anybody's guess as to what happened behind closed doors.

Then there's the question of whose responsibility is it to insist on safe sex. Gold says it is every individual's responsibility. But how many of these teens actually knew what safe sex was, or what risk they undertook in their sexual encounters? Bishop Neumann is part of the Catholic Archdiocese, which is not required to teach sex education, hand out condoms or even mention AIDS.

Adds Gold, "Here are kids that no one wants to teach traditional sex education to, selling their underwear. The case underscores the need for AIDS prevention and education."

CLASS ACTION SUIT

The class-action suit charging Savitz with negligence for not telling teens he had AIDS raises a whole host of questions. Val Pleet Wilson, the attorney for the five, says that none of the men had anal sex with "Fast Eddie." But he asserts that since they had oral sex over a long period of time with Savitz, they were put at a greater risk. Most health authorities place oral sex at extremely low risk for AIDS transmission.

None of the five has tested positive for HIV. "Most of them are awaiting results," he says.

It's the contention of the case that Savitz had "a duty to disclose his status," says Wilson. "If

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Arthur Ashe's Secret

He built a protective cocoon around the fact he had AIDS. And why not?

THE BURDEN OF TRUTH

A private affliction becomes public as tennis legend Arthur Ashe reveals that he has been infected by the AIDS virus

Game, Set, Ashe: Exposed

Arthur Ashe was my childhood hero. As a junior tennis circuit sprite, I idolized the elegant Black man with the stylish backhand and the psychologically controlled game. I never won much—my coach kept saying I lacked "killer instinct"—but I loved tennis: Its synchronous rhythms and lone-wolf playing field appealed to my woozy preadolescent athleticism. I revered the day's idols: Charlie Pasarell, Rod Laver, Stan Smith. But to me, Arthur Ashe stood a Head (racket) and shoulders above them all.

Some players ran hot and played flash; Ashe played cool and controlled. Some players bratted out on the court; Ashe emanated an attractive, noble dignity. Most players were white; Ashe was Black (or, in the polite whitespeak of the mid- to late-'60s, "a Negro").

Perhaps because I was a nascent queer, Ashe's Blackness appealed to me. Perhaps because I grew up sheltered in an all-white suburb—the only Blacks I knew cleaned houses—Ashe's inroads into the sport's unbearable whiteness inspired me. Perhaps because I was beginning to understand that, even in the land of privilege, I was—and always would be—an outsider based on my arbitrary sexuality, Ashe's easy grace in response to (whispered) prejudice moved me. He was a true champion who redefined that hackneyed phrase; he was a lovely role model.

Plus, he was really handsome, wore a fabulous 'fro, and had God's own serve.

NOT LIKE MAGIC; NOT UNLIKE MAGIC

So my stomach dropped a few floors when I heard, April 8, that Arthur Ashe has AIDS. The announcement smacked me on several levels: as a former tennis buff, as a journalist, as a queer man affected by AIDS, as a human being with a modicum of respect for himself and others. I cringed at Ted Koppel's pained, but painfully intrusive, questions on that night's *Nightline*. Ashe responded with the same quiet dignity with which he once dominated tennis—along with a sad sort of resignation and flashes of true anger. And why not? As sportswriters and others purplishly put it in subsequent days, "his life had changed forever."

Ashe's is a strange case. He's a public figure: He announces tennis games for HBO, sits on several board chairs, writes and speaks publicly about, among other things, Black people's place in sports and society. He's used his considerable power to found, and fund, sports programs for underprivileged youths. But he's not a "celebrity." (How many times have you seen him on *Entertainment Tonight*? On the cover of *People*?) He contracted HIV from a 1983 blood transfusion, but only learned of his condition in 1988, when brain surgery, in response to paralysis in his right arm, revealed he had toxoplasmosis, an HIV-related complication. In other words, unlike Magic Johnson, Ashe didn't get it through fucking; society can't hang him with that noose.

A cabal of close friends—including journalists—kept Ashe's secret until early this month, when *USA Today* sports managing editor Gene Policinski, having gathered hard evidence about Ashe's illness, assigned tennis reporter Doug Smith to phone Ashe for a confirmation or denial. Ironically, Policinski decided, after a half-hour phone conversation of his own with Ashe, that he didn't have enough to go on; he killed the story. Assuming the piece would run, however, Ashe organized the April 8 press conference to announce his condition to the world.

SNUFFLE, SNUFFLE: A ROOTING SECTION

Unlike the fallout from Johnson's announcement five months earlier—it ran the gamut from shock to denial to disbelief, partly because he was in his athletic prime—Ashe's announcement mostly engendered the kind of wrenching mediatic soul searching that normally follows a snout-in-the-trough gorge on presidential sexual pecadillos. The questions: Did the public need to know? Was Ashe's condition "newsworthy?" Was it worth smashing a human's privacy in order to inform the public?

"Privacy" is just another word for nothing left to lose.

In the April 20 *Time*, Morrow harumphed, "There was no public need to know, or right to know. Everyone is not fair game to be dragged onstage for involuntary exposure." In the same day's *Newsweek*, Deford opined that he's "not even sure that it's primarily a media issue; instead, it's all just more evidence of the decline of discretion and perspective and civility, which were even so recently the stanchions that held up what was our more noble society." That day's *People* uncharacteristically stuck to facts. The April 9 West Coast edition of the *New York Times* primly jumped a story off B7; only a p.1 photo and caption signified the story's weight. In an adjacent column, Ira Berkow noted that "by his grace, good sense and humilty, [Ashe] has transcended sports."

Columnists who excoriated the media's hypocrisy—if it had been leukemia, they wrote, or another heart bypass operation (like the ones Ashe underwent in 1979 and 1983), the story would have gotten two grafs below the box scores—failed to note that AIDS *is* a big story: The disease has killed hundreds of thousands of Americans, will kill hundreds of thousands more and *is not being addressed by our government*. This *isn't* heart bypass surgery—a procedure that, while posing health risks, has become routine.

Not surprisingly, two women put a more sensitive spin on the issue. Sportswriter Joan Ryan's April 9 *Ex* front-pager, in which she wrote about her theretofore unreported knowledge of Ashe's condition, wondered: "What purpose would revealing Ashe's disease have served? For those of us in the news business who knew but didn't report it, Ashe's reasons for keeping it private overrode our journalistic reason for making it public." Two grafs later, she added: "I don't blame *USA Today* for pursuing the story. Ashe is a public figure. AIDS is a newsworthy topic. And obviously the positive outcome is that Ashe will join the fight against AIDS." Her conclusion:

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"But...I hate that Ashe had no choice."

Examiner columnist Stephanie Salter was less sanguine. Noting angrily that "there was *no good reason* to usurp control of Arthur Ashe's life from Ashe himself" (her italics), she slammed her own profession and some of its practitioners: "...[P]rofessional journalism operates in a virtual void of some of the most fundamental, human ethics. And most journalists, especially those in policy-making positions, don't even know it.... As a rule, journalism does not respect anyone's privacy, be they 'very prominent public persons' or the family members, still in shock, of a drive-by shooting victim."

Salter then nailed a feminist angle that few male reporters would—or could—see: "Although plenty of women participate in this ethics vacuum, 'It's news' is a classic macho machine driven by impossible, inhuman standards of absolute objectivity (as opposed to fairness) and the belief that empathy and compassion are liabilities for a person in pursuit of The Truth."

SAD BUT TRUE

As a gay man who's lost friends to the disease, and as a man who, as a child, revered Arthur Ashe, I feel empathetic sadness that Ashe has AIDS. As a journalist, I side with Salter: Ashe should have been able to choose when and how to publicize his disease; it is, after all, his life and his body.

But as a queer activist, I'm conflicted. "Outing" is charged; outing HIV-positive and AIDS-afflicted people is supercharged. If Ashe had consistently spoken bigotedly against gays, drug users and people with AIDS, then an outing—political as it would have been—might have been justified. Yet I don't agree that Ashe deserved to shelter himself and his family from prejudice against PWAs: Indeed, as a respected public figure, he knew that going public, as Magic Johnson did, would help defray that very bigotry. The fact that Ashe hid his condition—the word "secret" appeared time and again in the reporting—perpetuated the shame attached to the disease.

That said, however, it felt creepy to watch Ashe answer Ted Koppel's *Nightline* questions. Ashe seemed exposed, vulnerable—and, underneath it all, angry at the betrayal of his private life. Politics aside, it was a sad moment in another human being's life, played out on the national stage. Ultimately, it was a moment the timing of which Ashe himself should have been able to choose.

Wrote the *Ex*'s Salter: "With a couple of disturbing exceptions, every reporter I know would have had to fight down a sickening feeling and force himself or herself to call Ashe. That sickening feeling, I contend, is our basic human knowledge that what we are about to do is wrong." In *Time*, Morrow's conclusion raked the media's obsession with exposure: "A pattern of revelation that routinely puts the most intimate details on public display has nearly obliterated an appreciation of both the right of privacy and the obligations of kindness."

We are at war—with a disease and with a government blind to it. But it's important that, in the trenches or on the beachheads, we not lose sight of basic human beneficence. Journalism reports on humankind. And humankind should be just that: human, and kind.

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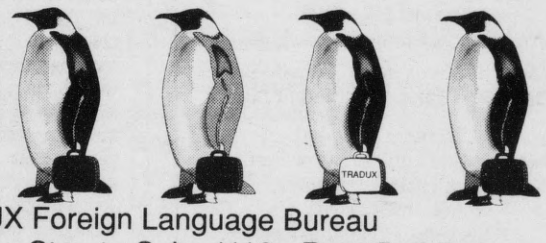

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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

Antivirals, Vaccines : A Talk by Marcus Conant, M.D.

Marcus Conant, M.D., is one of the early discoverers of AIDS, and now runs one of the largest private HIV practices in the United States. His San Francisco office also participates in clinical trials of a number of experimental treatments. For several years, Dr. Conant and his staff have held monthly talks on AIDS treatments, intended primarily for their patients but also open to the public without charge. The April 6 meeting was especially informative. With Dr. Conant's permission we transcribed parts of it here. [Our own explanatory comments are in brackets.]

Herewith, comments by Dr. Conant:

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

The Germans and the French, unlike the Americans, have national AIDS meetings each year, as well as the major international conference; there is a European meeting as well. In the United States there are many meetings, including the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) meetings; there isn't anything like that in Europe. In Germany, researchers get together once a year in a meeting sponsored by the German government, and talk about what they're doing, including clinical trials. They ended the conference this year with a panel discussing research findings and social issues. I was invited to talk about our treatment guidelines [Dr. Conant's recommendations on when to start AZT, opportunistic-infection prophylaxis, combination antivirals, and other treatment]. They broadcast that panel throughout Germany.

I was hoping to bring back some information from that meeting to say, "The Germans are doing this, and it really looks good." But I didn't see anything that they were doing in Germany that we weren't doing two years ago. The bottom line is that what is happening in the leading U.S. AIDS centers probably still is the cutting edge of what's occurring in AIDS research around the world. Even in terms of potential treatments like iscador, which we call "alternative" treatments here, there were no hard results showing that anything was beneficial.

TP5 (THYMOPENTIN)

The TP5 study—this work's been going for years now—is up for another review at the end of May. We have some 200 patients in that study; there are another 150 or so around the country. We hope the drug is going to show benefit stabilizing T-helper cell levels in the people on TP5 and AZT together—but we don't know that until the code is broken [telling which volunteers are getting TP5 plus AZT, and which are getting placebo plus AZT]. If the drug looks good, my guess is that approval could come quickly, because TP5 has been widely used in Europe now for almost ten years. It's very expensive in Europe, but is being used not only for AIDS but for herpes, and for other diseases where an immune modulator might help. With the safety data from Europe, there should be little trouble getting FDA approval if the drug is efficacious. For those of you on the study, after efficacy is shown, the sponsor will probably roll everybody over to open label, at least until the drug is available on the market.

ANTIVIRALS: N-BUTYL-DNJ TRIAL

What we really need in AIDS treatment is another place to attack the virus. The three drugs we have that are most widely accepted as effective—AZT, ddI and ddC—block the reverse-transcriptase step in viral replication. There's some recent data that AZT, and ddI/ddC, are actually working at different places on the reverse transcriptase. It is not known yet, but it is likely that there will be cross resistance between ddI and ddC; but resistance to AZT is clearly by different mutations than resistance to ddI.

We still don't know all the things that AZT and these other drugs do. One of the major questions that may be answered in the Amsterdam meeting this year is, "What is AZT doing?" How much of its effect is in blocking reverse transcriptase, how much is mediated through stabilizing T-helper counts, and how much of the effect may be in some other area entirely—and if so, what else is this drug doing? Until we have better answers, it is hard to rationally advise patients—for example, should they continue taking AZT after they have started ddI [because the AZT appeared to be no longer working].

How long have we had AZT? It has been approved for five years now—and two years before that, Burroughs-Wellcome was saying it had a drug it thought was going to work. It took two years to get it to market, which is a record time; so it's been seven years without another major AIDS drug. We have the "son of AZT" in ddI and ddC, based on the same mechanism of action.

But clearly we would like to have something that blocked the virus at some other stage in its life cycle. As in tuberculosis, combination therapy is best if you combine drugs that work at different sites.

We are lucky enough to be running a study of N-butyl-DNJ [also called butyl-DNJ, or deoxynojirimycin]. This drug blocks glycosylation of the virus (adding sugars to some of its proteins) as new virus particles emerge from the cell wall. This study is exciting, because if you look at what is coming for AIDS treatments, the ones which show great promise, such as the protease inhibitors and the tat inhibitors, are likely to be years away from general availability. But N-butyl-DNJ is well along in trials; the safety data is in. Now if we can demonstrate that it has efficacy in humans, we could probably get the FDA to approve this drug fairly quickly. The drug is exciting not because it will be the greatest AIDS treatment, but because it could be available in a year or two, so we could block the virus at two different points in its life cycle.

We are looking for volunteers for that study. But note that this trial presents difficulties to volunteers. For example, on one day you need to lie on a table for five hours and be bled every hour; sometimes there has been a problem with the lab, and volunteers have had to go through the whole process again. Another problem is that the initial formulation of this drug causes severe diarrhea if you eat carbohydrates, so a special diet is necessary. The good news is that the company, G.D. Searle & Co., has developed a new formulation of the drug which does not cause the diarrhea. So if the drug shows the efficacy that we expect, then we will move to the second compound which does not have the same side effects. We cannot use the second drug now because it does not have all the testing required for use in the trial; the company wants to know that the drug can be effective before it spends the money to get the new version approved.

Volunteers for this study must have T-helper counts between 200 and 500, and no AIDS diagnosis [under the "old" definition of AIDS, which is still in effect]. They must have taken AZT for at least 12 weeks. Some people will come off AZT for a short time while we measure the effect of this drug on the virus. Note that this is a phase II study; the phase I [dosage and safety] study has already been done.

VACCINES: gp 120 TRIAL

You could also try to block viral entry. One way is to use a vaccine as a therapeutic, which Jonas Salk proposed in 1987. With AIDS, when someone is first infected, the viral titers [blood levels] go up very quickly. Then the immune system controls the infection; antibodies against several different viral proteins are created. The person goes for years without getting sick. Later, when illness does occur, the antibody titers go down and the viral titers go up.

Dr. Salk suggested stimulating the antibody level to keep patients in the latent, asymptomatic stage for much longer. Some scientists criticized this idea, saying that these people already had plenty of virus in their bloodstream [to make antibodies against], so what good would it do to give a vaccine at that time? But research has shown that you can stimulate HIV-positive people to make more antibody by giving them vaccines to gp 160, or to gp 120, or whole viral extract. [Gp 160 and gp 120 are glycoproteins (hence the abbreviation "gp") made by the virus. Glycoproteins are made up of amino acids (like ordinary proteins), but in addition they include sugars.]

Dr. Robert Redfield [at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research] gave HIV-positive volunteers gp 160. Some made antibodies against gp 160, and some did not. In those who did, the T-helper counts stabilized; in those who did not make antibodies, the counts declined like those of untreated patients.

In one trial, a gp 120 vaccine worked even better. Genentech innoculated a chimpanzee several times with the gp 120 vaccine; then ten times the infectious dose of HIV did not cause an infection. This also worked on a second chimp. The gp 160 vaccine did not similarly protect chimps. We do not know how long the immunity will last.

Genentech is interested in looking at its gp 120 vaccine as an HIV treatment. Last month the company asked us to be a site. So we are recruiting for this study at the present time and expect to be vaccinating people within three weeks with the gp 120 vaccine. We are looking for 15 volunteers with T-helper counts over 500; they will be vaccinated seven times in a year, and have extensive measurements of blood functions. These volunteers cannot be using recreational drugs, especially marijuana, and cannot be using AZT;

they will be tested from time to time to assure compliance with study restrictions.

There are six arms of this study, including a placebo arm, so there is one chance in six of getting a placebo. Two different vaccines are being tested. The strain of the AIDS virus which Gallo isolated was the 3B strain. This turned out to be common in Europe; but in the United States, most patients have the MN strain. Genentech has made a vaccine against both. One group of volunteers will get the 3B vaccine, another will get MN, and a third will get low-dose MN. A fourth group will get 3B and MN simultaneously, another will get them sequentially, and the sixth group will get the placebo.

If this study works—if one or more of the treatments prove beneficial—the next step would be to give the vaccine(s) to patients with lower T-helper counts who are on AZT or ddI as well.

The hope is that this research we are doing will lead to therapies that will give us something which will last from now until we have better treatments, which I don't think will happen until 1996 or 1997.

Note: Dr. Conant's office is looking for several special groups of potential volunteers for ongoing research studies: (1) People with T-helper counts over 500; (2) Those who had an opportunistic infection over three years ago; (3) Those who have been HIV infected less than two years; and (4) Anyone who has been on AZT for more than four years. If you fall into any of those groups and would consider volunteering, call Dr. Conant's office, (415) 923-0555, and leave your name for a return call.

San Francisco Area Clinical Trials Directory

The Spring 1992 edition of the Community Consortium's Directory of HIV Clinical Trials in the Bay Area is now available.

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FROM THE HEART

BY JOE CARUSO

Page Hodel

She works/plays hard for the money: Page Hodel has become one of San Francisco's best known DJs. In the last two years, she has won the Cable Car Award for best DJ and best club, The Box. Hodel is also one of the most giving DJs in town, volunteering her talents at many events and raising money for everything from AIDS causes to the National Organization for Women.

With a strong belief in community involvement, Hodel puts her talents to work for our community, as well as many others. Her events have been for such various causes as AIDS funding and education, and gay/lesbian/bisexual and women's rights. She has helped raise money for many organizations including The Women's Building, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, AIDS Dance-a-thon, The Pink Angels, Project Open Hand, Frameline, NOW, Asian AIDS Services, The Folsom Street Fair, The Castro Street Fair, Shanti Project, and The Living Sober Conference. With all this fundraising, it's hard to believe she also runs two of the hottest dance clubs in town.

Page Hodel was born in the Bay Area and has 20 years of experience in the music industry behind her. A musician at heart, Hodel not only sings, but is versatile in many instruments. The guitar is her favorite, but being a mixtress is her first love.

Hodel started her career as a DJ at the now-defunct lesbian bar Amelia's 12 years ago. She went on to work at Oasis, the Trocadero, Club 9, City Nights and Club X. She has also worked in radio, playing the noon mix at KSOL and working at Live 105 playing the midday mix for one year. Hodel is known as a DJ who has always played music for the people—straight, gay, funky, punky. You name it, she's played it, all the while keeping the house totally pumped up.

If you want it hot, the word is Page Hodel. She has been the stage manager for the Folsom Street Fair for the last seven years. If you haven't checked out this street party, do it. It is notorious for being the most wicked outdoor dance event of the year. Five years ago, Page started Club Q, and it was a natural hit for women. One year later, The Box was born, with its friendly staff and fresh house sound. The Box soon became the multicultural dance party for the gay and lesbian community. Page said she opened up Club Q and The Box to do her own thing, because clubs were too racist and sexist, and most clubs concentrated on the sale of liquor rather than fresh music. She wanted a place where people could come and feel safe. Her clubs are for sharing the love of funk, and she loves being a part of that any way she can.

Page has put her love of funk out there by helping raise a lot of money for many different groups. If it's an event to raise funds for a good cause and you need a DJ, one of your best bets is to ask Page Hodel. She's known for her kind heart and always finding the time to help raise money with her music.

"If there is a need, then I'll help with that need," she says. "If that means I have to do an event or a street fair or whatever, then I'll do it. Just let's do it, until there is no more need to raise money."

All in all, she certainly works/plays hard for the money—and she does treat her community right.

"From the Heart" will be a regular feature that will profile individuals who have volunteered their time, talent and business resources to help people in the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. This article will honor the unsung heros and heroines who quietly help us all.

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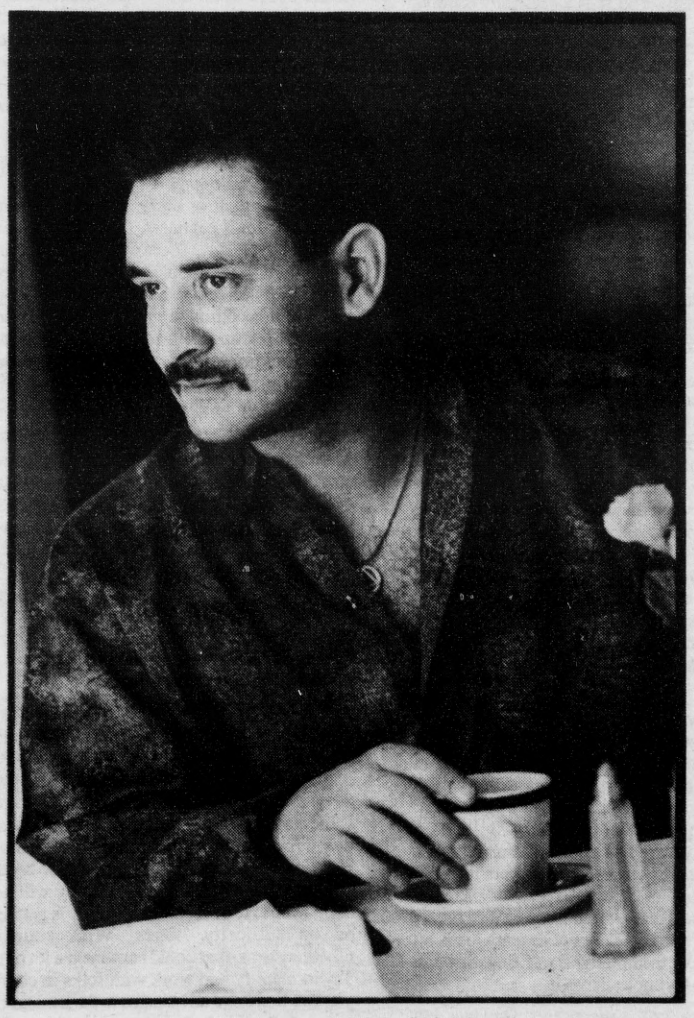

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ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

Election Erection

Well, kids, the news you've been waiting for. Now I'm not exactly a Clinton fan, but given a choice between Slick Willy and Bush... Well, let's just say I've always enjoyed a bit of slick willy and never been one for bush. Truth is, good forecasting requires a more impartial forecaster, and four more years is too depressing to think about, let alone forecast. Born on Aug. 19, 1946, at 7:30 am CST in Hope, Arkansas, Bill Clinton is a Leo with Virgo rising and Moon in Taurus. His chart shows an interesting bundle of sextiles between Mercury, Saturn and Pluto in Leo; and Venus, Mars and Neptune in Libra. In short, he's an egotistical technocrat who's extremely empathetic, but not to be trusted. In some remarkable ways, his chart is quite like Dianne Feinstein's.

Clinton will continue to be the subject of *scandales du jour* until mid-August. But the campaign against him will then turn even nastier. His chart is actually quite strong, with Jupiter in his first house and Saturn on the upswing. While Clinton's chart is strong in November, Bush's is problematic at best (as far as he's concerned) and disastrous at best, as far as we're concerned.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: You are typically a bit forward and boisterous. Right now it can easily get out of hand. Yes, dear, you only want to play, and have no intention of being troublesome. It seems that everyone around you is suddenly getting thin-skinned. You really are getting a little too enthusiastic. Normally you walk away from most rebuffs; why bother to get entangled? But now you're more likely to make a case of it. Sex is a wonderful way to work off the tension that's been making you so testy. A deep look inside will also reveal some insecurities that are driving you so recklessly. You're in a brilliantly creative spurt right now. You can use that for its own sake or apply it to some occupational therapy.

TAURUS: Usually you're very straightforward, but nowadays your energies pull in two very different directions. On the one hand, you're hungry for company and eager to socialize. On the other, you really are inclined to homebound reclusion. You may find a solution in having a dinner for the people you care enough about to consider "family." If you have a partner, you can expect a bit of disagreement about the guest list. Try one of two solutions: Either this is your party and you invite who you want this time; or you can split down the middle, each inviting half the guests. If a soiree at your home is out of the question, be sure to schedule both social and private times for yourself.

GEMINI: Fortunately, you're quite used to going in two different directions at once. Right now you have incredible energy to put into your work, and you're sure to get noticed for it. Try to coordinate your efforts with those around you. That does not mean to manage what they are doing. Unless being the boss is indeed part of your job description (and perhaps even if it is), you are much too inclined now to throw your weight around. As if your tongue needed the extra stimulus, it's getting plenty now. Your loquacity is charming in social situations; indeed, that's where it can bring you all kinds of benefits. At work, however, it can get you into big trouble.

CANCER: Your energy is directed toward playful creativity, but your luck is now with your work. If you can focus on the tasks at hand, you can maximize the current burst of fortune offering you wealth and fame... well, at least a raise and/or a promotion. All that creativity could be focused, with little effort, into making yourself an asset to those in authority, or toward getting your name out where it would boost your career. That "fun and creativity" is rather intense right now—perhaps you feel focused; others see you as being relentless. Try to ease up just a bit and focus as you let the creative force flow through you, rather than trying to drive it.

LEO: "Too much fun" is inconceivable to you, but your roommates may quickly think you are having entirely too much. At least try to keep it quiet, or have it elsewhere. Domestic frictions aside, novelties and adventure beckon. It's an ideal time to try something new. Anything new and different will bring all kinds of rewards. Financial is way down on the list, but not out of the running. Eager to roar with joyful assertion, you'll learn a lot more if you listen quietly. As to those domestic frictions, they will work out in your favor, but it could be quite a test of wills. Since you're going to win in any event, it will be kind to them (and easier on you) to be generous.

VIRGO: Go slow and easy! You're investing a lot of energy in a relationship (or in finding one). You could easily be overdoing it and scaring off your (potential) partner. Sexually, you are now a firecracker. I always knew you had it in you, but now the world will get to see that your "virginity" is only in Latin, and like that language, thousands of years gone and buried. A frank, matter-of-fact approach will help, in any event. You tend now to persistence, which will bring you great and momentary delights. If you're looking for something more lasting, don't push the issue. Enjoy what pleasures you may. Great and frightening challenges are facing you, bringing blessings in disguise. You will overcome any challenge, so take on any and all comers.

LIBRA: Happy, Happy! Joy, Joy! Relationships are going beautifully for you who find all beauty and pleasure in relationships. You may be inclined to put a little too much effort into things that are going smoothly enough without pushing. Money and work issues are the biggest problems in most partnerships, and this is an excellent time to address those. Just be very, very careful not to take financial issues *too* seriously. Planning for the future and accompanying your love to social events are great ways to affirm your partnership. What? All alone? Then planning for the future and going out with friends help you meet that special someone.

SCORPIO: Your energies are driving you toward personal pleasures, but fortune and advantage are now at your work. Try to channel that playful energy into creativity, and focus that creativity into your work. Your ruling planet, Pluto, is particularly strong now, adding force to your personality and persuasive powers. Use it, but remember to be gentle. Work at being charming and gracious. With a little conscious thought it will come easily enough, but without that little extra effort, you could intimidate people without half trying. You'll do well either way, but be nice and you can do fabulously well!

SAGITTARIUS: Playful adventures beckon, and you'd like to take some of your friends along. You expect too much of them; be gentle. Invite them along, but don't get upset if they have other things they need to do. More willing playmates are easily—even enthusiastically—available. Spend your time with those who will really enjoy sharing it with you. A lot is coming up from under the surface so be sure to let fun really be fun. Pushing people into it will backfire for all concerned. Any little struggle you get into now, no matter how petty, is likely to blow up into a major tempest.

CAPRICORN: You're feeling more at home with friends and speaking out much more than usual. Your outspokenness can be very charming, but a bit overbearing. Watch that! You could easily get yourself into some political trouble right now. It's nothing you can't handle, but you're better off without. Right now your strength is needed to handle a "family" crisis. Everyone else will see it as disaster. You will handle it as an aggravation. With a little diplomatic finesse you can be a hero. When the question, "My place or yours?" comes up (and it will!) make sure your place is ready!

AQUARIUS: You're unusually charming these days, but that doesn't make you any less abrupt and to the point. You might even find your sudden touch of grace helping you to get away with being a bit more to the point than even you usually are. With some concessions to authority, you can finesse your way through almost any financial situation. Almost. Handle what comes up, and you can do beautifully, but don't press your luck! Creativity will help, but don't overdo it. A lot of your energy is getting focused on authority issues. With your typical rebelliousness, that could cause you a lot of trouble. Try to identify and work with folks in charge, and you can find great advantages in the situation. Otherwise, you're likely to be at odds with everyone.

PISCES: A newfound sense of well-being fuels tremendous energy that can take you into exciting new realms. Be careful that they don't highlight new

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THE SAN FRANCISCO
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APR 23 / T H U

Donate Your Video Tapes: Garden Sullivan Hospital seeks pre-recorded video tapes for HIV patients & their hospice library. Info: Richard J Olsen 584-1034.

35th SF Int'l Film Festival runs today thru 5/7 with a wide variety of films & various related events. Screenings at the AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres, Post St at Fillmore, SF and the Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave in Berkeley. Some screenings also take place at SF's Castro Theatre and in Palo Alto. For program details & other info call 931-FILM.

"Menopause: A Healthy Process," is the topic of tonight's talk at Planetree Health Resources Ctr. Hetty Herman-Minsk, MFCC, Anna Ross Harvey, DC, and editor/publisher Judith Askew in a discussion of self-help ways to manage your experience of this natural transition. Health, emotional, spiritual & experiential perspectives on menopause. 7-9 pm, $6. Light refreshments served, attendance limited, call Rosalind 923-3680 for info. 2040 Webster St, SF.

BACW Marin Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a delicious dinner at the Mandarin House Hunan Restaurant in San Rafael. 7 pm, $18 includes tax, tip & reservation fee. Reservations & money due by 4/17. Call Sandy 479-4893 for info.

Bereavement Group for Partners of Persons with AIDS/ARC: Closed 12-wk support group for those who have lost partners or close friends to AIDS. Thurs 7-9 pm. Spons by the Bereavement Services program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info/location: 861-8705 ext 500.

Pizza Tasting Party/Social, "Negatives Being Positive," spons by the AIDS Health Project. All HIV negative gay & bisexual men are invited to this social at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF (btwn 18th & 19th in the Castro). 7-10 pm, $5 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Please call ahead so we can plan for info pizzas, call Josh 431-9049.

Sierra Club SF Group (SFG) Quarterly Conference: 7-9 pm at Ft Mason Ctr Conference Room A-1, SF. Panelists discuss a wide range of environmental-political issues including jobs vs the environment & environmental racism. Moderator: Kevin Pursglove of KQED-FM's *Forum*. Panelists: Christina Desser of Muir Investment Trust, Chappell Hayes of Urban Ecology & the Sierra Club, Hank Chapot, grassroots activist, and Pete McCloskey, Jr, attorney & former US Congressman.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: The G Spot (The Store). Night of toys & leather, presented by Verna Westphal & Serena Lumiere. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Secrets of Sacred Sluthood: For women—Annie Sprinkle shares what she's learned from 20 years of intensive, hands-on sex research. She provides tips on how to use sex as a healing tool, as a meditation, and as a path to enlightenment. Learn simple but powerful "sexercises" to shake up, move & utilize your sexual energy. Wkshop draws on Tantric, Taoist & avant-garde sex practices to reveal the secrets of the Sacred Slut. 7:30-10:30 pm, $20. Women only. Info: 550-7399. Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St, SF.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Cecile Pineda reads from *The Love Queen of the Amazon*, the sexy, outrageous sotry of Ana Magdalena as she grows up in a convent school in the Andes. Rebelling against the piety of the nuns, she opens up her own bordello. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At Walden Pond Books: Talk by Gary Rivlin, author of *Fire on the Prairie*, about the coalition of political & community groups that upset the Chicago machine and elected the city's first (and so far only) Black mayor, Harold Washington. A masterful journalistic chronicle examining race, power & politics. 7:30 pm. 3316 Grand Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 832-4438.

Comic Marga Gomez in "Pretty, Witty, & Gay" at Josie's Cabaret. Marga reprises her solo comedy, welcoming the audience into her bedroom for a non-stop sexual crack-up as she reads from the unpublished diaries of Anais Nin, is possessed by the spirit of Miss Jane Hathaway, rewrites the Bible, battles extortionists & almost loses her nerve on the eve of her first appearance on a TV talk show panel as an Adult Female Homosexual. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 4/26 at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show tmw, 4/24. 3583 16th & Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Controversial Video Night at SF Cinematheque: Michelle Handelman's *A History of Pain*, film centers around a stolen Inquisition-era torture device, explores s/m, censorship, art & freedom. Also selection of shorts by Azian Nurudin looking at the eroticization of violence in punk/industrial culture & the pervasive social violence against women. 8 pm, $5 gen'l, $3 stdnts, srs & disabled. SF Art Institute Auditorium, 800 Chestnut, SF. Info: 558-8129.

Risin' Up... Live 1992: A benefit for Unified Against Genocide: 1992 & kick-off for the Empowering Women of Color Conference (see 4/25). Multicultural concert & cultural event featuring: poet/author June Jordan, scholar/activist Angela Davis, author/poet Alice Walker, recording artist Dianne Reeves, drummer/composer Terri Lyne Carrington and performance artist Gina Pacaldo; plus Phillipine traditional music & dance ensemble Kulintang Arts. 8 pm, $22, $18 & $15. $2 discount for srs, kids 12 & under, & people with disabilities. Zellerbach Auditorium, UC Berkeley. WA (Wheelchair Accessible). Spons by UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly's Women's Project. Tix info: (510) 642-9988, gen'l info: (510) 642-2175.

American Pastels: Eve of dance theater choreographed by Jeanne-Marie Hughes, with melodies by Al Agius-Sinerco, performed by Six Thumbs Dance Theatre. Program includes "American Pastel," a suite of dances exploring the US immigrant experience and "Gallery of Women," a collection of dances dedicated to the proposition that men & women are created equal. 8:30 pm, $14 & $12, thru 4/25 at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.

Libations with Ester Amy Fischer, an eve of solo performance works incorporating the elements of blood/milk/fire to explore common themes in the crisis of the female body: violence & mourning, desire & upheaval. Today thru 4/30, 5/1 & 2 at 8:30 pm. Tix $5-10 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1800 Sq Feet, 719 Clementina btwn 8th & 9th, Howard & Folsom, SF. Info/res: 255-8510.

At New Eagle Creek Saloon: lip synch sensation, *Las Diferentes & Co*, perform their hit show at 9:30 pm tonight & 5/7. 1884 Market St at Laguna, SF. Info: 863-3323.

Live Music at The Clubhouse with *Soulspots*, Motown funk band. No cover! 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears: 7-11 pm, women-only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

APR 24 / F R I

SF Whole Life Expo: 10th anniversary of the West Coast's premiere exhibition of alternative lifestyles & new trends in health & wellness. Thru 4/26. Includes workshops, booths, presentations on a very wide variety of topics & issues. Presenters include: Marianne Williamson, Eddie Albert, Desi Arnaz Jr, Jacqueline Stallone, Marilyn Ferguson, Dr Timothy Leary, Lindsay Wagner, John Robbins, Matthew Fox, George Leonard, Leonard Shlain, Michael Hutchinson, Terrence McKenna, Margo Anand, Michael Talbot & Shepherd Bliss, among others. Tix: 1-day, $12; 2-days, $20; 3 days, $25. $20 wkshops ($15 adv), $25 special events ($20 adv). 2-10 pm today, 10 am-10 pm Sat 4/25, 10 am-8 pm Sun 4/26. For full events schedule & other info call 333-4373. Concourse Exhibition Center, 8th & Brannan Sts, SF.

AIDS Project of the East Bay seeks volunteers for its next Practical & Emotional Support Training, to take place in May. Persons of color are encouraged to participate. Info: 834-8181.

Rigoberta Menchu, a key indigenous leader in the Mayan struggle for peace & justice in Guatemala, speaks as part of the Central American Mission Partners' third annual conference, "Des-encubrimiento: An Unveiling of the Truth," today thru 4/26 at St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/reg: (510) 644-2267. Fee: $45 gen'l, $25 full-time students.

Lesbian Chamber Music Group meets for monthly informational performance, reading & improv. For info/location call Lisa or Anne 621-0790.

Spring Art Show & Open House spons by Continuum HIV Day Services. Show & sale of ceramics, jewelry, paintings & sculpture to benefit the artists & Continuum, a health care community for people living with AIDS. 5-7 pm today, 1-4 pm tmw at Continuum, 10 United Nations Plaza (Market & 7th), SF. Info: Moli Steinert 241-5507.

A Tribute to Anne Rice: The Hounds of Hell dance troupe in neoconcert with *The Children of the Damned* band at On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, SF. Today & tmw. $10. Info: 398-1541.

Alternate Personas, Pt I: Wkshop with William Henkin & Sybil Holiday. Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community. In an s/m scene or elsewhere, have you or your partner suddenly reverted to a younger self, or have you found yourself unexpectedly feeling intense emotions? This wkshop includes discussions & a preliminary exercise designed to expand your awareness of the various personalities residing within you. $20 for the evening, or $50 for Fri & Sat (see 4/25) combined. Doors open at 7 pm, wkshop 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

Marin BACW Country Dancing Lessons: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of dancing fun! 7-9 pm. For info/location call Sharon 453-9317.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Melvin Dixon reads from *Vanishing Rooms*, his book exploring the interplay of racism & homphobia in the violent murder of Metro, a white gay man, and its impact on his Black lover Jesse. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Sandy Butler reads from *Cancer in Two Voices*. 7:30 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0892.

HIV-Negative Men's Group spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF meets 7:45 pm for an open discussion night. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Free Gospel & Jazz Festival at Berkeley Public Library: "Dedicated to Duke," 3 nights (4/24-26) of world-class gospel & jazz. Program: *The Anthony Brown Trio* (Anthony Brown, Herbie Lewis, Jon Jang) perform tonight; 4/25 features *Japantown Big Band*, with guest vocalist Denise Perrier, plus ballroom dancing demo by Amy Kuo & Gil Chun (dance floor open to the public for the second set). 4/26: 30-member gospel choir, *The Allen Temple Cantateers*, perform Ellington's sacred music & other works. Music starts at 8 pm, doors open at 7:30 pm. Spons by Friends of the Public Library. Central Library Reading Room, 2090 Kittredge Street at Shattuck, downtown Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: (510) 644-6100.

Comic Marga Gomez in "Pretty, Witty & Gay," a solo comedy that invites the audience into her bedroom for a nonstop sexual crack-up as she reads from the unpublished diaries of Anais Nin, is possessed by the spirit of Miss Jane Hathaway, rewrites the Bible, battles extortionists, and almost loses her nerve on the eve of her first appearance on a TV talk show panel as an Adult Female Homosexual. Thru 4/26, with an added 10 pm show tonight. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Dark Shadows Society: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos & fun! 8 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.

Singer/songwriter Jamie Anderson in concert at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Women only. 8 pm, $6-8. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Video Chido: An eve of video, chocolate & tamales at ATA. Evening of recent video works by local & int'l videars, curated by Salvador Rivas in a casual atmosphere enhanced by tomales & chocolate. 8 pm, $2. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3290.

Full Frontal: 2 eves of performance/new video at New Langton Arts. Provocative, engaging works by 16 artists. Tonight: Rick Humphrey, Anne McGuire, Marika, Chris Miller, Jenny Richardson, Michelle Rollman, Scott Scarboro & Ella Tideman. Tomorrow: Jordan Biren, Mitchell Goodman, Saul Green, Clifford Hengst, Josephine Huang, Jennifer Locke, Diana Lopez & Danielle Swint. 8 pm, $6. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

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Our Legacy of Resistance: 7th Annual Empowering Women of Color Conference: 8 am-5:30 pm at Booth Auditorium, Boalt Law School, UC Berkeley campus. Panel topics include: coalition building, women in the arts, community health issues, changing roles in developing countries, environmental & public health issues, spirituality, education issues & classroom climate, student & community resources, sexuality & the images of women of color. $5-15 SL fee includes lunch. Spons by the UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly's Women's Project. Info: (510) 642-2175.

National Arbor Day Celebration: Friends of the Urban Forest plant 35 street trees in SF's Ingleside. Public welcome! Info: 543-5000.

Innovative AIDS Training offered to meet the needs of deaf & hearing impaired people with HIV, and their families, friends & professional providers. Today thru 4/26. Spons by UCSF Center of Deafness, Catholic Charities Hearing Impaired Program, the St Benedict Deaf AIDS Center and the Shanti Project. For info call 476-4980 (voice) or 476-7600 (TDD). Training is free, and designed for both hearing & non-hearing individuals.

Final Day to Register for Shanti Project's Emotional Support Volunteer Training (5/2-3 & 9-10), which trains people to provide emotional assistance to people with AIDS in SF. Info: Barbara

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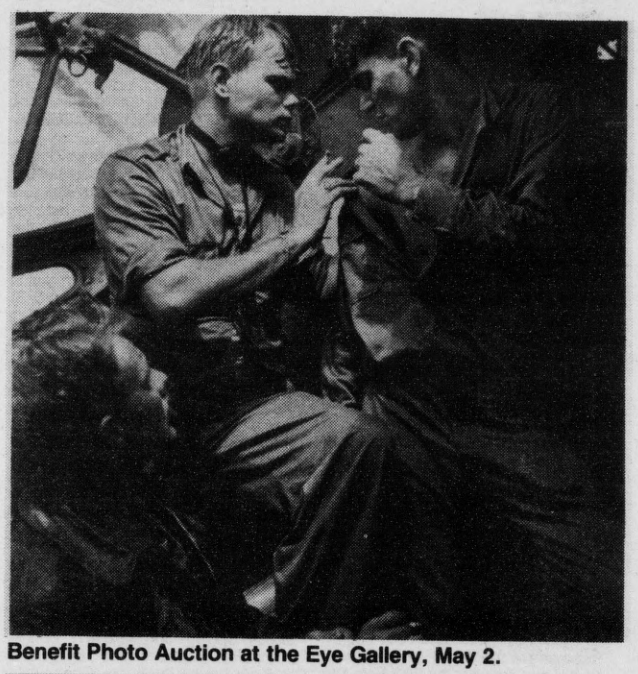
"Risin' Up Live/1992"—Angela Davis is one of the featured guests, April 23.



Benefit Photo Auction at the Eye Gallery, May 2.

"Enrique" appears at the grand opening of Klubstitute East. Check May 2 for info.

Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink 777-2273.
Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontunners. Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy St (merges briefly with 23rd), turning right onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda, continue on Park thru town to Otis. Turn left on Otis & follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr & immediately right onto Veterans Ct. Meet 9:30 am at end of court. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
Basic Carpentry Wkshop for Women: Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Hands-on wkshop teaches you the names & uses of hand & power tools, basic carpentry skills & on the job safety. You'll lose your fear but maintain your respect for power saws. Each participant will build her own wood tool box. Wkshop run by Women Empowering Women (WE Women), an organization of tradeswomen. $35-55 SL fee, $5 materials fee, no women turned away for lack of funds. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836.
SF Tenants Union spons a Neighborhood Tenants Convention, 10 am-1 pm at the DeAvila School, 1351 Haight St, SF. Discuss high rents, unfair evictions, poor living conditions, and other tenant concerns. Wkshops held on these issues, and a plan of action decided upon at the convention. Spons by a coalition of tenant counseling groups. Info: 282-6622.
Neighborhood Tenants Convention spons by the SF Tenants Union. Focus on the Haight-Ashbury, Castro & Inner Sunset neighborhoods. Keynote address by SF Supervisor Harry Britt. 10 am-1 pm at DeAvila School, 1351 Haight St, SF. Part of a series of neighborhood conventions spons by local tenant groups with a goal of exploring a Nov ballot initiative to address tenant problems with increased rents, unjust evictions & poor housing conditions. For info on this & the upcoming 5/17 citywide Tenant's Convention call 282-6622.
Massage & HIV: Free workshop for people affected by HIV. James Henderson, CMT, discusses the use of massage as part of your wellness plan. List of massage therapists who offer free or low-cost services available. 10 am-noon at the Center for Positive Care, 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: EACH 403-3800.
Successful Geraniums for Your Garden: Slideshow/talk on how to place & cultivate Geraniums successfully, led by Robin Parer. 10 am-noon in the Botanical Garden Meeting Room. $11. Info/res: (510) 642-3343.
Worm Composting Wkshop spons by SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners). 10 am-noon, free. At Garden for the Environment, Lawton St & 7th Ave in SF's Sunset District. Info/res: 468-0262.
Alternate Personas, Part II: Wkshop with William Henkin & Sybil Holiday (see 4/24). Includes guided meditations, paired exercises & group exercises to work with your personas. $40. You must attend 4/24 class or get permission from instructors to attend this wkshop. Doors open at 11:30 am, class noon-5:30 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome, call 550-7776 for info.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans spons Muir Woods Work Party & BBQ: Celebrate Earth Day & John Muir's birthday with some trail work or reforestation, followed by dinner. Info: Lauren 861-6591.
Recovery in the '90s: Highlights of the Next Wave. Panel at the SF Whole Life Expo discusses the future of 12-Step programs. Noon. $12 Expo admission, admission to panel is free. Concourse Exhibit Hall, 8th & Brannan, SF. Info: 258-9062.
Sonoma Country Earth Day Fair: Noon-10 pm at Sebastopol Veteran's Hall. Earth Day Alliance presents a fair of lively entertainment, state of the art ecological products for sale & demo, speakers & workshops, local organic & natural foods, plus children's art & activities. Also eco-rock, jazz & folk/feminist music; theater, dance, and poetry. $3-5 SL fee, children & seniors are admitted free. Info: Karen Dorch (707) 542-3047, Chris Hince (707) 829-7621 or Jodi Sager (707) 869-0989.
Spring Art Show & Open House at Continuum HIV Day Services, see 4/24 listing for details.
A Tribute to Anne Rice at On Broadway Theater, see 4/24 listing for details.
BWMT Rap/Social: Tonight's program features MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) in a discussion on how to stop hurting the ones we love. Doors open at 6:30 pm, program begins at 7 pm. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served. Facilitated by Calvin Lowery, greeter Peter Eggenberger.
Dance/Earth Week Celebration with Brazilian dance band, *Voz Do Brazil*. 7 pm-1:30 am, $20 adv, $25 at door. Kids 12 & under are free. Includes Samba Review to show you how to samba the night away. Costumes encouraged. All proceeds go directly to purchase rainforest land. Guzman Hall, 2nd floor, Dominican College, San Rafael. Info: ECO-ERA 721-9665.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Dennis Cooper, editor of *Discontents*, a new anthology of short fiction by gay & lesbian writers whose work transgresses, rejects & sometimes parodies the concerns of mainstream gay lit, presents a reading with several contributors, including Steve Abbott, Lily Braindrop, Brian Bouldry, Pat Califia, Robert Gluck, Bo Houston, Darrell Lynn-Alvarez, Roxxy & David Trinidad. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Clean & Sober Talent Show: Fundraiser for the Living Sober Conference. 9 pm, $15-8 SL donation. Music, comedy, & other acts. AA mtg at 7:30 pm (ASL interpretation provided). St Paulus Lutheran Church, 950 Gough St (btwn Turk & Eddy), SF.
Comic Marga Gomez in "Pretty, Witty & Gay" at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/24 for details.
Susan Herrick in Concert at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Women only. 8 pm, $6-8. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.
Heather Bishop in concert at Luther Burbank Center, with electric guitarist Sherry Shute. Mix of folk, country, blues & hot rock. 8 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door. Tix available at ClaireLight Women's Books. Info: (707) 575-8879.
"All Hearts Beating," a participatory drumming performance with Barbara Borden at IMA Center/Retreat in Bodega. Info: (707) 876-3004.
BACW/Sonoma Spring Fever Dance: Join Bay Area Career Women for a hot night of rock 'n roll. Jam with Lorie Z. $20 at door, includes $10 membership fee. At Burton Community Center, Rohnert Park. Info: Toni (707) 578-7743 or Stephanie (707) 874-1621.
Todo Mezclado, a new work by *Altazor* and *Conjunto Cespedes*, with guest artists Mario Jauregui and Ibis Hernandez Gomez (pending visa approval by the Folkloric Institute of Cuba). Night of sizzling Afro-Cuban music & Latin American New Song rhythms, inspired by Nicolas Guillen's dedication to *mulatez*, the concept of an interracial cultural identity. 8 pm, $16, $14 & $12. Redwood Cultural Work production. Calvin Simmons Theatre, 10 10th St at Fallon, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 835-1445.
Golden Gate Men's Chorus Spring Concert: Works by Franz Schubert, Robert Schumann, Darius Milhaud & Randall Thompson, plus a wide range of music from the Renaissance to the modern era, including traditional arrangements of sea shanties, spirituals & folksongs. 8 pm tonight, 3 pm tmw at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF.
12th Impromptu Night spons by Girth & Mirth Club of SF, at the G&M Clubhouse, 176-B Page St, SF. Bring your own refreshments. 8 pm. Easter Basket tix are available. Info: Tony 824-0260.
Sober, Smoke-Free Fun at DancePlus: Night of dj dancing plus games, coffee, Calistoga, good talk & good folks, 8 pm-midnight at the Berkeley Recovery Ctr, 2126 6th St, Berkeley. $4-6 donation, but you can get in free 'til 9 pm. Info: (510) 486-8269.
At The I-Beam: *Wedding Present*, from the UK, and *Thinking Fellers Union Local 282*. 9 pm, $10. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006 or 668-6023.
BACW Spring Fling Dance: A "boogie 'til ya drop" night with music by dj Lorie Z. 8 pm-1 am at the Burton Community Center in Rhonert Park. For tix info call Christine (707) 996-1550 or Janet (415) 927-3865.
2nd Annual Asian Lesbian Network Conference Benefit: Fundraiser for the conference, which will provide Asian lesbians a chance to meet & share their experiences, situations & culture, address lesbian rights issues in Asia, and develop future perspectives for the Asian Lesbian Network. 8 pm, $5 donation at door, with raffle prizes. Spons by Shamakami, a forum for South Asian lesbians & bisexual women. The Cafe (formerly Cafe San Marcos), 2367 Market St at 17th, SF. Conference date/location: 5/3-5 in Tokyo, Japan.
Marga Gomez in "Pretty, Witty & Gay," at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/23.
Sharon McNight at Great American Music Hall: Concert celebrates the release of her 4th album, "In the Meantime." 8 pm, $12. Info/res: 885-0750.
The Politics of Pain is the topic of tonight's ATA (Artists Television Access) Cinema: See *Universal Hotel*, Peter Thompson's compelling expose of the horrific medical experiments of Hitler's concentration camps; Stefan Cluver's *Observations of Certain Sensations*, a Foucauldian essay on political control, interrogation & torture; Aron Ranen's brief video, *Surveillance*; plus Phil Patiris' meditation on LAPD brutality. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Thelma & Louise Blow-Out Dance spons by BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Scarves & sunglasses optional. 8:30 pm-1:30 am, with dj Denise Dunne at City Eats, 130 Kearny St, SF.

"Frog Sandwich" band at Klubstitute (SF), April 24.

3rd floor. Tix $18 at door, $15 in adv. Tix/info call 495-5393.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Scott Capurro, Mark Davis & Mario Mondelli. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Flophouse*, *DeathGroveLoveParty* featuring Carmaig de Forest. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Scott Capurro, Mark Davis & Mario Mondelli. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

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Black Choreographers Moving Toward the 21st Century: Theater Artaud's third annual Black choreography event features free public panel discussions exploring the cultural, social, historical & political context of work created by artists. Program: 4/26, 4-6 pm—The Arts As A Catalyst for Community Survival & Revitalization; panelists Benny Sato Ambush of ACT; Nontsizi Cayou, chair of Dept of Dance, SFSU; Jo Long of Carver Community Cultural Ctr, Texas; H Terriah McNair, actress/writer/director. 4/28, 7-9 pm—Tradition & Innovation: Afrocentric & Eurocentric Perspectives; panelists Gus Solomons, Jr of Solomons Co Dance, Idris Ackamoor of Cultural Odyssey, plus choreographers Mala Claire Garrison & Jimmy Turner. Both events held at Ctr for African & African American Art & Culture, 762 Fulton St, SF. 5/2, 9:30 pm: Many Black Voices: Dance as Communication for the Choreographer, choregraphers, performers & administrators discuss the position of artists creating work in a challenging environment. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Info: 621-7797.
Gay/Lesbian Sierran Hike to save Sinbad Canyon, a scenic ridge above Pleasanton. 9-mile, moderately difficult hike. Info: (510) 848-4812.
Naked Nude Group Art Show Mtg: Last day for artists who are doing nude artwork to apply for this year's (6/21) show. Also open to people interested in helping out or performing (ie reading, musicians, performance artists, etc). 8 pm in the Castro, SF. Call 544-1136 for location & other info.
Barnabe Mtn Hike with SF Hiking Club. Enjoyable 7-mile loop trip combines an easy stroll thru a redwood forest with a moderate-to-strenuous ascent to the top of 1466-ft Barnabe Mtn. Panoramic views. Meet 9:45 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. Cost per car $9 (includes bridge toll), to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch, canteen with water & warm clothes. Rain cancels hike. Led by Jim Gordon.
10th Annual SF Whole Life Expo at the Concourse Exhibition Center. See 4/24 listing for details. Final day!
People's Park 23rd Anniversary Concert & Street Faire: 11 am-6 pm. A multicultural music festival & community street fair held both in People's Park and adjacent to it on Haste Street east of Telegraph, in Berkeley. Musical entertainment with CK Ladzekpo & his *Ghanan Dance Party*, *La Banda* with Latin dance-jazz, *Steel & Ivory* with calypso & reggae, and *Bayou Pon Pon* with Cajun dance music. Also political folksingers Carol Denney, Eli Yates, and *The Funky Nixons*. Plus poetry by Julia Vinograd & others, comedy and a few speakers. Day-long event includes crafts, sandcastles, tree planting, mural painting, games, face painting, clown contest, poster art show & community tables. For info call Lisa (510) 845-7194 or David (510) 525-5054.
"All Hearts Beating," A Drumming Wkshop with Barbara Borden at IMA Center/Retreat in Bodega. Info/res: (707) 876-3004.
Medical Marijuana Earth Day Festival: Noon-5 pm in Dolores Park, SF. Spons by the Int'l Medical Marijuana Restoration Project. Music, art, speakers. Free. Info: Dennis 864-1961.
Golden Gate Men's Chorus Spring Concert—final performance! See 4/25 listing for details. Don't miss.
Samba & Lambada at El Rio with Celia Malheiros & friends. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Lesbian/Gay Hee Haw: Country Western dance and fundraiser for the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF. 5 pm free dance lessons, 6-10 pm dance, $5. At the Corral, 2140 Market St, SF. Come celebrate the Old West—have a night of dancing & fun! Door prizes. Info: 861-7067.
Tea & Classics at Josie's Cabaret, with members of the Women's Philharmonic performing in small ensembles. 5 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
And What, Give Up Showbiz? a spirited new musical revue, benefit for We Care Bay Area, a nonprofit providing emergency financial support to members of the gay & lesbian community who are ill. 6 pm, $25. Mason Street Theater, 340 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 981-3535.
Made in Buenos Aires, a staged reading of Nellie Fernandez Tiscornia's play, translated by Raul Moncada. To leave or not to leave is the question faced by two Argentine families trying to decide where is home. Produced by Latin American Theatre Artists. Tonight & tmw at 7 pm, $3. Tonight's performance is at ACT's Playroom, 450 Geary St, btwn Mason & Taylor, SF. 4/27 performance at the Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF, 3rd floor. Info: 771-0654.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Francisco X Alarcon reads from his two new poetry collections—*De Amor Oscuro/Of Dark Love*, a collection of homoerotic sonnets, and *Snake Poems: Aṅ Aztec Invocation*, a series of poems based on pre-Colombian chants & spells in Spanish, English & Nahuatl. 7 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Rev Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church speaks at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF's evening service. Performance by the Glide Ensemble. 7 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Lesbian Uprising! political meeting: Discuss "Women, Work & the Changing World Economy" with Marie de Santis, longtime feminist activist & founder of Worldwide Women's Rights. Focus on why we're all getting poorer, and what we can do about it. 7 pm at Radical Women's Hall, 523A Valencia St, SF. Info: 441-6238.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Danielle "Hell" Willis, Kathleen Ritchey, Suzette Partido, Dorothy Allison & other contributors to the *Discontents* anthology (edited by Dennis Cooper) read from their work. 7:30 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Clean & Sober: A Night of Comedy with John Paul & friends at the Other Cafe. Special night for adults who appreciate an eve of live entertainment without alcohol. 7:30 pm, $12 adv, $15 at door. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Coffee & specialty beverages available. Two-beverage minimum. Info/reg: Kate 296-9900. 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville. Proceeds benefit the Nat'l

Parents & Kids Box

SF Youth Arts Festival: 5/6-10 at Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor, Golden Gate Park, SF. The 5-day festival includes a large display of painting & sculpture by SF schoolchildren, performances by children's choral, instrumental & dance groups; plus performances for children by professional performers & educators. Also art-making demos & hands-on art projects for kids. 5/9 is **Family Day** at the museum, and features a colorful **Kids Parade for Kids**, with hundreds of kids taking part in a parade which includes jugglers, clowns, marching bands and more. Day's events also include ongoing performances & activities especially designed for children, their families & friends. All Festival activities are wheelchair accessible, disabled kids are encouraged to attend. Hrs: 10 am-2 pm on 5/6-8, 11 am-4 pm on 5/9-10. Info: 863-3330.
Wkshop for Parents of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Questioning Youth: 5/11, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Wkshop answers parents' questions & addresses their concerns regarding the sexuality of their children. Resource list & refreshments provided. Childcare available by request. Info: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program, 565-7681.
Infant/Child Massage Talk at ClaireLight Women's Books: 5/6, 7 pm, $4-6 SL fee. Jessalyn Nash, certified infant massage instructor, teaches infant massage classes in hospitals. Tonight she presents helpful information about massage, including the emotional & physical benefits for babies & young children. 15-min video shown. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Considering Parenthood Wkshop offered by the Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. 5/7, 7-9:30 pm, $7-15 SL fee. Includes panel presentation on single parenting & co-parenting, different ways to form families, choosing not to parent, and discussion on how parenting changes your life. Pre-reg suggested. Info/reg: 565-7674.
Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Discussion, 4/24, 7 pm—Growing Up with Lesbian & Gay Parents panel discussion at First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael, corner of 5th & E, in the Geneva Room. Childcare provided, $2 per family. Spons by Spectrum (formerly Ministry of Light). Info: 457-1115.
Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Picnic in Inverness: 5/17, 11 am-4 pm. For location & other info call 457-1115.
Pickle Family Circus Mother's Day Benefit: "Preserving the Pickles: the Mother of All Benefits," 5/10 at Palace of Fine Arts, Bay & Lyon Sts, SF. Two shows: Afternoon family show 2-4 pm, $25; and an evening show, 7-11 pm, $50-100. Entertainment by the Pickles, plus several nationally known surprise guests. Music by the Pickle Family Circus Jazz Band. Each mother receives a gift courtesy of Pickle Family Circus. Complimentary champagne, beer & non-alcoholic beverages served. Proceeds benefit Pickle Family Circus. Info: 826-0747.
"Children's Ways of Thinking & Knowing," is the theme of the Spring Child Development Conference at Foothill College. 16 morning & 11 afternoon wkshops offered. Keynote address, "The Development of Self-Direction in the Preschool Years," given by Raphael Diaz, assoc professor of education at Stanford University. 4/25, 9 am-4 pm. Reg fee $20-45. Info: Terry Shua (408) 298-5437 or Lori Adams (415) 424-8432.
Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Single moms are welcome! Eastbay & SF mtgs. Call Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711 for info.
Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.
For Kids at La Pena: Saturday morning programs presented by Amiguitos de la Pena. 5/2: Jose-Luis Orozco in a special family bilingual program in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. 5/16: Music with Nancy Raven, stories with Joan Sutton. 5/30: Storyteller Belinda Sullivan, musician Nancy Raven. 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
Afternoon Family Concert at La Pena, with *Soul Vibrations*, Nicaragua's foremost reggae band. This hour-long celebration features Caribbean songs & games, and is a program for all ages. 3 pm, $5 adults, $3 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
Cody's for Kids (and their parents): 4/25 at 11 am: Children's author/illustrator Thatcher Hurd reads his two newest books, *Little Mouse's Birthday Cake* and *Tomato Soup*, and does improvisational drawing to accompany the reading.
Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Children's Storytime at Book Passage: For kids ages 4-7. Anita Jones tells wonderful tales from many lands. Every Sun, 11 am-noon. Mother's Day, 5/10: "We Love Mom," stories & poems that honor mothers. 5/17: "Bunnicula," a comical story of a vampire bunny. 6/7: Dragonfest—bring your best dragon picture, drawing or book to share as Anita tells her favorite dragon stories. 6/21: "We Love Dad," A Father's Day program of stories & poems that honor fathers. 51 Tamal Vista Blvd, Corte Madera. Info: 927-0960.
"Poetry Potpourri,", a professional performance based on poems by kids. L'eau Theque production. Entertainment for the whole family, 4/25 at 3 pm, $3. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.
New Conservatory Children's Theatre presents two one-acts: **Annie, Annie, Does Her Homework** by Noe Venable, the story of a young girl struggling thru a day of procrastinated homework; along the way she discovers love & a holiday. Also **The Changing of the Times** by Steve Lahey; story of two friends & their lost journeys thru time, energy & dreams. Both works were developed in NCT's Premiere Lab class, which gives advanced students a chance to develop scripts & put together theater performances. Plays run every Sat & Sun at 3 pm, 4/25-5/10 at New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $11 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 861-8972.
For Kids at Temple Israel: Stories, songs & fun at highly participatory services—Tot Shabbat for preschoolers, 3rd Sat of each month at 9:15 am, family shabbat for school-age kids, 1st Fri of each month at 7:30 pm. Religious/Hebrew school for K-12, every Sun & Wed. Small, friendly Reform congregation, lesbian, gay & bisexual people welcome! Info: (510) 522-9355.

Council on Alcoholism & Other Drug Addictions/Bay Area.
Comic Marga Gomez in "Pretty, Witty & Gay" at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/24. Final performance!
Babes, Bitches, Beauties, a Rubber Club Party spons by Asian AIDS Project: 8 pm-midnight at 'N Touch Bar, 1548 Polk St, SF. Show starts at 10 pm and features skits, satires & lip-synchs by the Asian Rubber Beauties highlighting safer sex negotiations & condom use. For more info or to volunteer call Trac at 227-0946.
Worldfest, a benefit for *Queer Planet*, with guest djs, exotic entertainment, and queer rock & roll with *Pansy Division*. 9 pm, $5 donation. At The Stud, 9th & Harrison, SF.

APR 27 / MON

Radical Earth Week Action to shut down the Pacific Stock Exchange, spons by Earth Action Network. Meet 6 am at the PSE, 301 Pine St at Sansome, downtown SF (nr Montgomery St BART Station). People are urged to be creative & nonviolent in their actions. Info: (510) 843-4306 or (510) 843-8788.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.
Made in Buenos Aires, a staged reading presented by Latin American Theatre Artists (LATA), see 4/26 listing for details.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Dennis Cooper reads from *Wrong*, his latest collection of "murderous obsessions." 7:30 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Dan Morgan. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
"From Print to Printout," a talk about computers & the future of women's writing, by author/scholar Dale Spender. Inaugural event of "Women's Voices," Old Wives' Tales new cultural series. 8 pm, $6-10 at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 821-4675.
Gay Comedy Open Mike with emcee Dan Morgan at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Live Music at The Clubhouse with *Kai KLN*. 10 pm. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.
STTV (Straight Talk Television): Alternative music & community news. 10 pm on Viacom cable channel 25.

APR 28 / TUE

Bi-Friendly SOMA Dinner, followed by C&W dancing: Come for dinner at the Line Up, 398 7th St at Harrison, at 6 pm (call Betsy (510) 845-7441 by 4/24 to reserve). Free intro c&w & western 2-step dance instruction starting at 7:30 pm at the Rawhide, 280 7th St, SF.
Donna Fujii discusses & demonstrates ideas from her new book *Color With Style*, a guide to color, style & personal image that introduces her multi-ethnic color analysis system which takes into consideration the additional elements of contrast & special qualities of ethnic minorities. 6 pm at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670. Free.
Shanti Board of Directors monthly mtg: 6:15 pm at 525 Howard St, SF. Public welcome. Info: Craig Bernard 777-2273.
"Practice of the Presence of Consciousness," a talk by Ed Hirsch at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by posterboy and *Lust* model Marcus Allen. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
Black Choreographers Moving Toward the 21st Century: 3rd annual conference, see 4/26 listing for details.
Forum—Governor Wilson's Initiative to Cut Welfare Benefits: A Gay/Lesbian Perspective. Spons by the Economic Justice Committee & the Lesbian Task Force of Harvey Milk Gay/Lesbian Demo Club. Panelists present basic info about the initiative to cut social welfare programs, including general assistance, SSI & Medi-Cal payments. Barbara Nabors-Glass of the Income Rights Project discusses Save Our State (SOS), a citywide coalition working against the initiative. 8-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
ParaTheatrical ReSearch of Seattle presents: World premiere screening of *Archaic Community*, a documentary video by Antero Alli, "showing how rituals work without dogma," followed by the Bay Area premiere of Rainer Maria Rilke's *Requiem for a Friend*, translated by Stephen Mitchell, a videopoem by

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Marga Gomez is "Pretty, Witty and Gay" at Josie's, Apr 23-26.

Antero Alli. Director will be present for both screenings. 8 pm at ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia nr 21st, SF. Info: 550-1617.

APR 29 / WED

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Membership mtg tonight, meet at Pagliacci's Pizza in San Anselmo. 6:45 pm, $7.50 covers pizza & soft drinks. Club offers members the company of other athletic guys in a safe, positive, non-toxic outdoor environment, sponsoring hikes, bike rides & camping trips, as well as purely social events. No fees. RSVP definitely required, call Tom 488-0156.
Queer Options Seminar continues with "Lavender Sweeping?" a look at the prospects for the lesbian/gay vote in the upcoming local, regional & national elections. 7-9 pm, free. Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 255-1042.
Female Ejaculation: Shannon Bell, star of the *Nice Girls Don't Do It* video, leads this workshop for women on female ejaculation. She supplies detailed physiological info on female ejaculation, discusses the composition of the ejaculate & shows slides & excerpts from *Nice Girls Don't*, plus provides tips for women who want to learn how to ejaculate. 7:30-10:30 pm, $20. Women only. Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.
"Codependency & Stress," a talk by Susan King, codependency counselor. Addresses codependency as a learned response to cultural values, identifies stress as an automatic reflex. Learn some somatic "unstressors" as tools for immediate use. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
Taize Candlelight Service at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF. 7:30 pm in the chapel. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
At New Eagle Creek Saloon: Night of r&b, jazz & pop with *The VIP Band*. Open mike in the second set, customers are invited to perform with the band by signing up one week in advance, contact Rodney Barnette 863-3323 for info. 1884 Market St at Laguna, SF.
Comedy Night at SFJCC with Terry Sands and the Gefilte Fish Heads. An audience participation evening of fun & laughs with Sands & students from her improv comedy class. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Dark Fruit: SF performance group of Black Gay Men, Pomo Afro Homos, present their new show, a fresh crop of stories exploring the contradictions of Black gay life with intelligence & humor. 8 pm, $10 at La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: 849-2568.
Benefit for *Mike's Film*, David Lamble's cinematic saga documenting survival stories of young gay men. Features comic & SF school board member Tom Ammiano, plus singer/composer Jon Ginoli & his queer rock band *Pansy Division*. 8 pm, $10. At Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Bondage Buddies Social: Get-together social nite for Bondage Buddies play buddies and those who would like to get to know them. 8 pm. Folsom area, SF. For info/location call 292-3228.
Marthetta Blakeley, "Songbird of the Northwest," recently returned to SF from NYC, presents an eve of original songs at Mason Street Wine Bar, 340 Mason St, SF. 9 pm.

APR 30 / THU

Ano Nuevo Trip for people with HIV: Shanti Project's Activities Program spons a trip to greet the elephant seals as they return to Ano Nuevo. Take a 3-mile hike thru the sand dunes to see the seals. $7. Scholarships available. Sign-up required. Call 777-2273 for details.
Cherrie Moraga gives a dramatic reading of her theater & poetry work titled, "The Last Generation," in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr & the Latin American Campus Association (LACA). Noon-1 pm, booksigning from 1-1:30 pm. Toland Hall, UCSF. Free. Info: 476-0400.
Holocaust Film & Panel Discussion at SFJCC: Montefiore Senior Center presents this Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration. Program: See *Shattered Dreams*, 53 min documentary on the lives of children-in-hiding during WWII, and their eventual reunions with family members & each other. Film features segment on Paul Schwarzbart of San Rafael, who will share (joined by Miriam Silberschatz & Mira Shelub) wartime experiences, insights & concerns following the screening. Everyone welcome. Montefiore Senior Ctr, SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
South Africa: After the Referendum," a dinner discussion by Randall Robinson, anti-apartheid activist & director of Trans Africa. 6 pm registration & refreshments, 7 pm talk. $35. SF City College Southeast campus, Oakdale & Phelps, Bayview Hunters Point, SF. Info: 239-3582.
Understanding HIV-Related Laboratory & Medical Tests: A Community Forum spons by Project Inform and the Early Advocacy & Care for HIV (EACH) Program. Presenters give an overview of the key laboratory & medical tests used to monitor immune health & diagnose opportunistic infections. 7-9 pm, free. Due to space limitations, attendance is limited to the first 50 people; call Project Inform 558-8669 for more info. Davies Medical Center Gazebo Room, corner of Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Author Cathryn Taylor, MA, MFCC (*The Inner Child Workbook*) presents a workshop entitled, "How to Create the Healing Team Needed to Work with Your Children Within." She offers suggestions for developing one's adult self, giving form to a Higher Power, and creating external & internal support systems. Talk followed by discussion & booksigning. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Financial Planning for Women with Cancer: Donna Rio, MBA, CPFP, gives a comprehensive talk about financial planning for women with cancer & other life-threatening diseases. Questions encouraged. 7 pm, donations accepted. Please refrain from wearing scents. Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley (close to Ashby BART). Info/res: (510) 548-WCRC.
Acupressure for Common Complaints: Learn finger pressure points for relieving eye strain, neck tension, back pain, headache & other common ailments. Michael Reed Gach, founder of the Berkeley Acupressure Institute, teaches a series of self-help breathing exercises & acupressure techniques. Part of Planetree Health Resource Ctr's Health Lectures Series. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St, SF. Light refreshments served, attendance limited, call Rosalind 923-3680 for info.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Carol J Clover discusses her new book dissecting horror movies, *Men, Women & Chain Saws: Gender in the Modern Horror Film*. Work focuses on the fraught relation btwn the "tough girls" of contemporary horror & her male fans. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, SF. Topic: Learning How to Give & Receive a Massage. Wkshop on the basics of massage & bodywork, with Angie Antang, CMT. Bring a pillow. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.
NY Comic Lisa Kron in "All My Hopes & Dreams," Lisa, a member of NY's popular performance group, *The Five Lesbian Brothers*, brings her acclaimed one-woman show detailing her witty & occasionally smutty dreamworld, where being a lesbian can't stop you from singing like Andrea Marcovicci, dancing like Chita Rivera or acting like Crazy Eddie. 8 pm, $10. Show runs tonight & 5/1 at 10 pm, 5/3 at 8 pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
ETVC, the TV/TS & Friends Club, presents "April in Paris Is Burning," an end of the month social, with costume & modeling contest. 8 pm, SF location. For location/info call (510) 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF 94142. ETVC is a 400-member support & social group for the transgender community.
Mother's Day Special: Taping for Lavender Lounge gay dance party. "Come as Your Mother" theme, starring Acid Housewife, comic Mark Davis' mother Mavis, & queer pop by Pale. No audition, no experience necessary. Free admission. 8-11 pm. Channel 25 Studios, 1855 Folsom St at 15th, SF. 6th floor. Enter thru rear parking lot. Info: 337-4921.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Penny Rosenwasser of Middle East Children's Alliance gives a slideshow/talk on the conflict in the Middle East & its effect on the region's residents, and signs copies of her book, *Voices from a "Promised" Land: Interviews with Israeli & Palestinian Peace Activists*. 8 pm, $3-10 proceeds benefit Old Wives' Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.
Manhole: A Monolog by Aaron Noble at Artists Televison Access (ATA). Noble "attempts to open an eye of degradation in a storm of language, whirling around a hellishly masculine core." 8 pm, $5-7. Program also includes a short piece by Marika. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF.

MAY 1 / FRI

Asian American Arts Conference, "Persistence of Vision: Perspectives, Process, Possibilities" today & tmw. Conference addresses issues facing Asian Americans in the arts. Opening festivities tonight at 8 pm at SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Workshops & discussion take place tmw, 9:30 am-6 pm, at Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley. Tonight's program includes talks & performances by writer/poet Janice Mirikitani, filmmaker Steve Okazaki, educators Penelope Flores & Elaine Kim, radio producer Norman Jayo, photographer Lenny Limjoco; One World Taiko with Mark Izu & Francis Wong, SF Kulintang Ensemble, Vietnamese musicians Ngoc Lam & Que Lam and Salongaioli: Indian Classical Dance. UC Berkeley events feature

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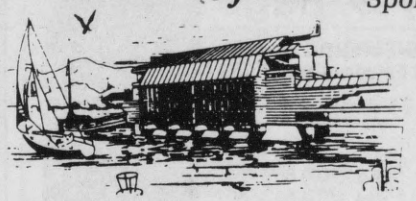
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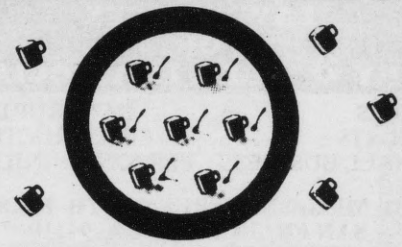
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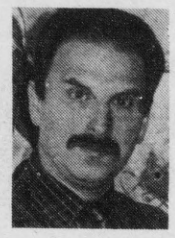

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Project Open Hand's Skip-A-Lunch Campaign kicks off at noon at SF City Hall: Double 99 Radio's Joe Regelski hosts the event on the City Hall steps, with brief presentations by SF Mayor Frank Jordan & Project Open Hand Executive Director Steve Burns. Also live music & plenty of fun. Annual grassroots campaign attempts to increase public awareness of the nutritional needs of people living with AIDS and to solicit pledges to raise 50,000 meals & 7,000 bags of groceries. For info call 771-MEAL.

Colossus: South Bay Super Ball: SF's finest invade Santa Clara for a one-night-only marathon dance party rave—muscles, house, glamour, lust, sound, freaks, divas, space boys, sight, drag, sweat, beauty, future, scandal, men! Djs Hosh Gureli & Jack de la Rosa. 1400 Martin Ave, Santa Clara. Info/directions: (408) 450-1344.

Between the Dog & the Wolf: Alliance Francais de San Francisco's 1st annual festival of performing arts. Program: 5/1 & 8 (dance showcase), 5/2 & 9 (experimental musical cabaret), 5/3 & 10 (multimedia performances). Festival focuses on a Franco-American collaboration showing the latest work of dance, music & film directors. Fest incorporates the dinner club formula, and a French cuisine dinner will be available 1 1/2 hrs before each show. 8:30 pm, $10 (dinner not included, but affordably-priced). 3-night passes available for $25. For program details & other info call 775-7755. 1345 Bush St, SF.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Join us in letting go of the week & your work; bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmooze & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Eastbay location this month. 7:30 pm. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Please wear no scents. For location, directions & other info call (510) 848-5845 before this day.

Actor Charles Grodin reads from & signs copies of his wise & witty new book, *How I Get Through Life*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

May Day Celebration with *Grupo Muy Muy*, Janny MacHarg & Stephen Riave, plus the Freedom Song Network chorus, in a musical history of May Day. 8 pm, $6-10 SL fee at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Proceeds benefit La Pena & the Freedom Song Netowrk. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Sparks Gay Cable TV presents Jon Sugar at 8 pm on cable channel 35.

NY Comic Lisa Kron at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/30.

Reigning Televisions presents "Ovenman," Louis Lopes' multimedia piece combining music, makeup, video & choreography. 8 pm, $5. Artists Television Access (ATA), 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Faye Carol in Concert at Josie's Cabaret: Wonderful night of song with this dynamic jazz-blues singer & her duo, featuring Kito Gamble on piano & Dewayne Oakley on bass. 8 pm, $10 tonight & 5/2. 3583 16th & Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

"Get Lost (Again) Columbus," opera, presented as part of a year of ceremonial protests & performance ceremonies in resistance to 500 years of genocide, with original music & libretto by White Cloud Wolfhawk Eagles Xochipillicueponi, and the voices & drums of *The Blood Road Singers*. 8 pm tonight, 2 & 8 pm tmw. Fellowship Hall, Berkeley Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar at Bonita, Berkeley. Info: (510) 223-0357. $7 donation.

Club nZinga—World Beat Dance Party at El Rio. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAY 2 / S A T

Body Building & Weight Training Wkshop for Men & Women at SF Jewish Community Ctr: Stuart Yee, former No Calif bodybuilding champion, gives 2 hours of instruction in bodybuilding & weight training for beginners & intermediates, followed by question & answer session on diet & training. 3200 California St, SF. 8:30 am-noon, $25. Info/res: Jefrie Palmer 346-6040 ext 244.

High-Paying Work Alternatives: Non-traditional Work for Women: wkshop provides basic information on employment for women in the skilled trades & technical areas. Info on union & non-union apprenticeships, various training opportunities offered by utilities, park districts, city, county & state agencies. 9 am-noon, $30. Raymond Gallagher Career Development Ctr, JFK University, 1250 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 295-0610.

Self-Empowerment for Gay Men: An experiential wkshop with Rik Isensee & Joel Wechsler. Nurturing & playful exploration of inner strengths. Focus on healing from past wounds, and self-empowerment. Info/reg: Rik 824-2819 or Joel 677-7927.

Donate Your Video Tapes: Patients on the Hospice Care Unit of the Garden Sullivan campus of Calif Pacific Medical Ctr need pre-recorded video tapes to help pass the time during their hospital stay. Contact Dick Olsen 584-1034 for donations or more info.

AIDS & the Health Care Provider: Training & education wkshop spons by the Marin County AIDS Program. Designed for nurses, health care attendants, dental office personnel & all health care workers who want to increase their knowledge of HIV & related multicultural, multi-symptom & grief associated issues. $10. CE credits available for nurses. Info/reg: Brian 507-4074.

Dismantling Sexism: an empowerment program for women, spons by Equity Institute of Emeryville. 2-day wkshop gives women the chance to develop practical strategies for combating sexism & developing new coalitions & networks among women. $75-200 SL fee. Early deposit required, call the Equity Institute (510) 658-4577 for info/reg.

Inspiration Pt/Tilden Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Grizzly Peak to either South Park Dr or Shasta Rd. Continue on Wildcat Canyon Rd & follow Wildcat Canyon to Inspiration Pt. Meet 9:30 am in the parking lot on left. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Asian American Arts Conference, "Persistence of Vision: Perspectives, Process, Possibilities," see 5/1 listing for details.

Caregiving: The Final Stage: Wkshop provides caregivers with practical & emotional support thru the dying process. Resource materials provided. All caregivers of persons with life-threatening illnesses are welcome. 10 am-4 pm, $35 suggested donation. Spons by Kairos. For info/reg call 861-0877.

Beyond Hunger: The Alternative to Dieting—wkshop for people who want to resolve the problem of compulsive eating & find an alternative to the diet/binge cycle. 10 am-4:30 pm, $30. Led by Laurelee Roark & Carol Emery-Normandi. Bring lunch. A New Leaf, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss coming out, work on sexual identity issues, learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression. Begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). $35-50 SL fee. Info: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Latin Beat Festival at Anchorage Shopping Center, Fisherman's Wharf, SF. A two-day Cinco de Mayo party showcasing music from Mexico to Argentina & Cuba. Also historical exhibits about South America, plus dance exhibition by Escola de Samba (Sunday afternoon). Proceeds from t-shirt sales benefit La Raza Information Center. Noon-6 pm today & tmw.

"Get Lost (Again) Columbus," opera in Berkeley, see 5/1 listing for details.

Barbecue! Spons by Voices: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble. Delicious spread of chicken, links, tofu, salads & beverages. Entertainment by Gwen Avery & Miz Teri. Proceeds help send Voices to the 4th Int'l Gay/Lesbian Choral Festival this summer in Denver. 2-5 pm, $10. 145 Guerrero St nr 14th, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 773-9181.

Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Award Ceremony: 2 pm at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St at Shotwell, SF. Three outstanding Bay Area lesbians, Mary Flick, Vera Martin & Charlotte Ostergren, receive awards for their many years of extensive community service. The award was organized in memory of Pat Bond, the beloved lesbian actress/comedienne, to honor Bay Area lesbians over 60 whose contributions to the community have not been sufficiently recognized. $5-25 donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: Pat Durham 626-7000.

Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance (GLAA) May meeting at Richard Bolingbroke's home, 2356 15th St, SF. Potluck dinner & social hour. Please bring something to eat or drink, and artwork to share & discuss. Info: Richard 863-5654. 6 pm.

Out on Saturdays: Frameline moves its monthly series of lesbian & gay film screenings from Thursdays to Saturdays. Tonight's program: Gus Van Sant's (*Mala Noche, My Own Private Idaho*) diary, four surreal shorts shot in Portland, Oregon; plus William Jones' acclaimed autobiography *Massillon*, a bitter tribute to Ohio. Doors open at 7 pm, screening at 7:30. $3 tix at door. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF. Info: Frameline 861-5245.

See *Haiti: Harvest* of *Hope*, a work in progress at KBBK Studios. Film chronicles the initial joy & optimism brought to Haiti with the election of president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Film provides a critical perspective from which to analyze the full scope & effect of the 9/30 coup, and the ramifications for the future of this proud people. 8 pm, $10-20. Proceeds benefit the film's completion. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info/res: 563-9046.

Sacramento Men's Chorus Spring Concert: "Epicurean Delight," includes performances by the Chorus' song & dance ensemble, *Entourage*. 8 pm tonight & 3 pm tmw at the Sierra II Theater, 2791 24th St, Sacramento. Tix available at door. Info: (916) 444-5213.

At The I-Beam: *Manic Street Preachers* and *The Sextants*. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF.

At Thunder Bay Nightclub: Grand opening of Klubstitute East, featuring *Enrique, Miss Kitty & the Klipped Out Recipes*, Danielle Willis, Dawn of Aquarius, and dj Remix von Popstitute. 8 pm, $4.98. Info: Diet Popstitute (415) 863-7932 or Bryan Weisberg (510) 548-0706.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Teri De La Pena reads & discusses her new novel, *Margins*, an insightful exploration of family relationships, recovery from loss, creativity & love; a memorable portrait of the Chicana lesbian as daughter, sister, aunt, friend, writer & lover. 8 pm, $3-10, proceeds benefit Women's Voices. No one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

8th Annual Harmony Swëepstakes A Capella Festival: Winners of regional competitions held throughout the country compete for the title of grand national champions, as well as cash & prizes. 8 pm at Marin Veterans Civic Auditorium, San Rafael. Tix $18. Call Marin Center Box Office or BASS/Ticketmaster outlets for reservations.

Faye Carol in Concert at Josie's Cabaret, see 5/1.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Night of sultry blues with Teresa Chandler. 8:30 pm, $5-8 SL. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Other Cinema Series at ATA Galllery: See Jack Smith's *Flaming Creatures*, a sensual *Scherherazade* on Loisada rooftops circa '63 and James Watson & Melville Webber's early American avant garde opus, *Lot in Sodom*, with symphonic score by Louis Siegel. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Black Choreographers Moving Toward the 21st Century: 3rd annual conference, see 4/26.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Lisa Kron, Sabrina Matthews, Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Zircus, Little My*, and *Less Is More*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAY 3 / S U N

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joy in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss homophobia & oppression, work on sexual identity issues; learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression; begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). $35-50 SL fee. Info: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

East Bay Fire Hike with SF Hiking Club. Meet 10 am at Rockridge BART Station (street level, nr bottom of the lower escalator). Urban stairway hike begins & ends at Rockridge BART Station, and goes thru a residential area where a few distinguished houses survive & the destruction of many others reveals landmarks & vistas which have not been visible for several generations. Route includes scenes of widespread devastation & spectacular panoramas of SF Bay & portions of 5 counties. 3 hr, 6 1/2 mile hike, with constant altitude changes & cumulative gain of about 1000 ft. Bring lunch & liquid (or money to buy them). Roundtrip BART fare $3.50 from downtown SF. Plenty of parking for drivers in the BART lot. Leader: Burt Gerrits (510) 547-2200.

African American Gay & Lesbian Conference: Potluck brunch planning mtg for the Oct 1992 conference. Come share ethnic dishes, meet new friends, help plan the conference. Everyone welcome. 11 am-2 pm. Info: Mary Midgett 648-3658.

Hortiphiles Wildflower Walk at Pt Reyes: Meet 11:30 am at Bear Valley Headquarters, Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore, for a potluck picnic. Carpool at 1:30 pm to Chimney Rock for a wildflower walk led by Pt Reyes staff member. Call the Hortline 851-1022 for details. Hortiphiles is a group of lesbians & gays who enjoy plants & gardens. Newcomers welcome!

Brunch with the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science's Lesbian/Gay Social Group. Noon at Restaurante Sienna. Meet in the lobby at the Luther Burbank Center after church, at the information table.

Latin Beat Festival at Fisherman's Wharf. Final day! See 5/2 listing for details.

Int'l Worker's Day Forum: "Homelessness Knockin' At Our Front Door: Handouts or Permanent Solutions?" a public forum at Valencia Hall, 523A Valencia St (one block from 16th & Mis-

sion BART), SF. 1 pm. Lydia Ely & Moises Montoya discuss the need for the labor movement & local communities to work together to resolve the homeless crisis. $2 donation ($1 low income). $5 donation for dinner ($3 low income). Dinner served at 4 pm. No one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by the Freedom Socialist Party. For childcare & other info call 864-1278 or 864-0778.

Conflict Resolution Skills Wshop: Joanne Martin Braun, MA, demonstrates practical methods for negotiating successful outcomes in resolving conflicts. Learn to recognize conflicts, get techniques for working thru the problem, active listening, improving relationships. 1-4 pm, $60. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Bi-Friendly Sunday Afternoon Party, California Style: Come enjoy lots of sunshine & entertainment. SF Cole Heights/Parnassus Valley location. Refreshments provided, but you're welcome to bring Zinfandel or chocolates to contribute to the overall ambience of the event. 1-5 pm. Info: Paul 664-5299.

Up & Outta Bed! Series at Artists Television Access (ATA): Come down & enjoy an afternoon of free movies & cheap refreshments. Today's Program: "Bad Utopia," choose from *Brazil, Logan's Run* and *Farenheit 451* 2-4 pm. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF.

Buddha Day Celebrations at Stanford University: Non-sectarian "Gathering of the Sanghas," organized by the Buddhist Council of Northern California. Guest speaker: Dr Huston Smith, well-known scholar and author of *The Religions of Man*. Program also includes a "Bathing the Baby Buddha" ceremony. Everyone is welcome to participate. Refreshments served. 2 pm. Annenberg Auditorium, Cummings Art Bldg, Stanford University. Info: Buddhist Council of Northern California (510) 849-2383.

Rev Bill Johnson, the first openly gay person accepted into the ministry of the United Church of Christ (in 1972) celebrates 20 years of service to the gay struggle. 3 pm at the First Congregational Church, Post & Mason, SF. Everyone welcome. Info: 821-1689.

Sacramento Men's Chorus Spring Concert, "Epicurean Delight," see 5/2 listing for details.

SF Civic & Winifred Baker Chorales present their annual spring concert at Congregation Sherith Israel, 2266 California St, SF: Program: Handel's oratorio, *Israel in Egypt*. 4 pm, $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: (510) 453-8853.

Club Tropicana: Feel the heat & the beat! Night of hot tropical fun as New Eagle Creek Saloon & Hombres Magazine look for that special Latin man to be Hombre '92. The winner receives cash prize & an opportunity to be photographed by one of SF's leading erotic photographers. Tonight's festivities include mambo & salsa dance contest, provocative videos, fashion show & more. Fun starts at 5 pm at New Eagle Creek Saloon, 1884 Market St at Laguna, SF. Info: 863-3323.

"The Hungry Ear, a progam of new music by the Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers. Program includes "Three Piano Rags" by Greg Trice, "Planxty Joe Campbell," by Charlie Buel, "Hound Dog," for voices, by Matthew McQueen, and other music for synthesizer. 5 pm, $6. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 681-8008.

BACW/Sonoma New Investment Club: Join Bay Area Career Women for some financial fun, you'll profit from the experience! 5:30 pm. Call Annette (707) 528-8281 or (707) 573-1291 for info/directions.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Poet Francisco Alarcon reads from *Snake Poems,* inspired by one of the few existing treatises on the culture of Nahuati. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

NY Comic Lisa Kron at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/30.

MAY 4 / MON

Prisoners with AIDS Have the Right to Live: Unmask the California Death Camps—Join ACT UP in a demo targeting the Calif Dept of Corrections (CDC) in Sacramento. Begins at 11 am at 10th St & Capitol Mall with a brief rally, followed by short march to the CDC office to demand immediate improvements in the treatment of prisoners with HIV/AIDS in Calif prisons. Carpool from SF leaves 8:15 am on the day of the action, meet in the Safeway parking lot, Church & Market. Info: 550-8599.

Medicine Teachings of the Earth: an evening with Johnny Moses, Nootka Master Shaman & Storyteller. 6:30-10 pm, $15. SL fee, free to Native Americans & children, no one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by the Immune Power Foundation. Everyone welcome, including kids. Info: David Vachon (510) 841-4739.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexual (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation 1st & 3rd Mon of each month at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! 7:30 pm. Info: Susan 524-0574.

Television... Catastrophe: A discussion with Avital Ronell & Steve Fagin, moderated by John Muse & Jeanne Finley at CCAF. Avital Ronell, a feminist philosopher of media & technology, and video artist Steve Fagan explore TV's various traumas, pose questions concerning TV & artist's practices. Avital reads portions of a paper entitled, "TV/Trauma/Rodney King: 12 Steps Beyond the Pleasure Principle." Steve gives a talk entitled, "Assassinations-Touchdowns-Earthquakes-Revolutions." 8 pm at Nahl Hall, California College of Arts & Crafts, 5212 Broadway at College, Oakland. Info: (510) 653-8118.

Zasu Pitts, Robert Hunter, Nick Gravenites, Wavy Gravy & others at Great American Music Hall fundraiser for the Barry Melton for Judge campaign. 8 pm, $20. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info: 885-0750.

MAY 5 / TUE

Moving On: Overcoming the Fears that Hold us Back—wkshop designed for career changers who have become stuck in the process because of paralyzing fears. Explore intervention strategies to break old patterns & structure risk taking so that change becomes less frightening. 6-9 pm, $30. Raymond Gallagher Career Development Ctr, JFK University, 1250 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek. Info/reg: (510) 295-0610.

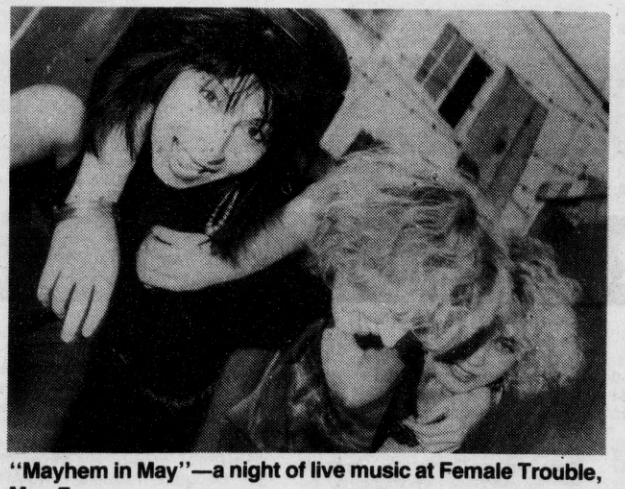
"Getting the Most from your Tarot Reading," talk by Jonathan, Amron minister. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Marin BACW Mtg: Bay Area Career Women meet to discuss upcoming events, etc. Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by African American athlete Stan Stone. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Mystery writer James Lee Burke, "the Raymond Chandler of the Bayou," reads from & signs his new mystery, *A Stained White Radiance*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Women's Spirituality Group spons by Spectrum meets 7:30 pm tonight. Topic: "Movement with Maddy." Info/location: 475-1115.



"Mayhem in May"—a night of live music at Female Trouble, May 7.

The "Get Lost (Again) Columbus" opera, with White Cloud Wolfhawk Eagles & friends. May 1 & 2.

Global Riot, SF's only gay & lesbian comedy improv group (Laurie Bushman, Richie Crippin, Katie Cronin, Pamela Forrest, Kelly Kittell, Alex Sanso & Joe Weatherby) perform tonight at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. 8 pm, $8. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 6 / WED

Lunch Bunch, a group for frail, homebound women & men, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), meets 10:30 am. Call Ruth 626-7000 for info.

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:30 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Topic: "Does/Did Your Mother Know?" Group led by George Birimisa.

BIFriendly UC Support & Social for members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities & their friends, meets 6:30 pm, for info/location call Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Queer Options Seminar continues with "Queer Jocks," a discussion of queers & sports: How queer are sports? How sporty are queers? Why is the mainstream so oblivious to queer athletes? 7-9 pm, free. Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 255-1042.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Jessalyn Nash, certified infant massage instructor, presents info on the benefits of massage for infants and children, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

SF Hiking Club Monthly Mtg/Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Center, on Collingwood near 18th St, SF; next to Cala Market (1 block west of Castro). Slide show & travelogue of recent SF Hiking Club trip to Barranca del Cobre (Copper Canyon) NW Mexico.

The Jewish Peace Coalition presents (retired) Major-General Mattityahu Peled, prominent Israeli peace activist, former member of the Knesset & professor of Arabic literature. He is the founder/chairperson of the Israel Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, and an advocate of the two-state solution. Peled speaks on "The Middle East Peace Process & the Changing Nature of US/Israel Relations." 7:30pm, $10-20 SL donation, $30 includes reception. Wheelchair Accessible. System for hearing impaired. Call (510) 845-5878 for details. Temple Emanu-El, Martin Meyer Sanctuary, Two Lake St (at Arguello), SF.

Myths & Truths About Right Work: Laynie Tzena Deutsch, director of Ideas Made Real, shows you how to talk back to the myths you hold about your work & happiness. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Greentalks Series spons by SF Greens continues with "Beyond the Geopolitical Game: A Call to Action for a Green Foreign Policy," video & discussion led by Ross Mirkarimi on current conditions in Iraq & the need for a new Green foreign policy. Mirkarimi, recently returned from a trip to Iraq with the Harvard Study Team, is project coordinator of the Arms Control Research Ctr, and co-coordinator of the Int'l Working Group of the US Greens. 7:30-9:30 pm, $5-10 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. New College, 777 Valencia St btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Info: 255-2940.

"One of These Days..." Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi play Frank & Ted, two working class Castro roommates trying to make ends meet in more ways than one, in this new gay comedy at Josie's Cabaret. Frank & Ted are the sons of famous sitcom characters—they're here, they're queer, and the world better get used to it. Show also features actors Aric Cushing, Gary Hinton & Drew Todd. 8 pm, $10. Plays Wed-Sun thru 5/17. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

New Music Concert with *Kronos Quartet* & Hermeto Pascoal at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm, $20. Info/res: 885-0750.

Johnny D appears in "Collar Me Blue: Working Class Love Songs for a Queer Nation," a unique blend of lively narrative, historic folk songs & pop tunes, with guest performers, presented Wednesday nights (tonight & 5/13, 20 & 27) in May, in honor of Int'l Workers' Month. 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Women on the Verge: *Mother Jones* magazine presents an eve of lively discussion with authors Susan Faludi (*Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women*) and Molly Ivins (*Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?*) 8 pm, $12 adv, $15 at door. 6 pm fundraising reception, tix $60 (includes wine, hors d'oeuvres & preferred seating for the event). Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Parking available at the Marina Green & Ft Mason Ctr. Tix info 392-4400, reception info call Mother Jones at 558-8881. All proceeds benefit the Mother Jones Investigative Fund.

Showtime at SFJCC: "An Evening with Scoop Nisker," one-man show of "cosmic comedy" and original music at SF Jewish Community Center by this well-known KFOG radio personality and author of *Crazy Wisdom*. 8 pm, $6. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Bondage Party spons by Bondage Buddies. A play part in a fully equipped dungeon. $10. Info/location: 292-3228.

Funk, Soul & Hip Hop Night at El Rio with dj Peggy Key. 9:30 pm-2 am, $2. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAY 7 / THU

Monterey Aquarium Trip spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Meet at 145 Guerrero St, SF at 9 am. Cost $22, reservations required. Call 626-7000 for info.

Marin BACW Sunday Brunch reservations are due by today, see 5/10 listing for details.

Donate Your Video Tapes to Garden Sullivan's hospice library, see 4/23 listing for details.

Rainbow's End, lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group for youth ages 14-23, spons by Spectrum, meets tonight & 5/14, 21 & 28. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 7-9 pm group time. For info/location call 457-1115 or call 457-3523 and leave a message for Rainbow's End.

At A Different Light Bookstore: "Planet Fiction," students from Dorothy Allison's fiction class read from their latest work. 7 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Navigating Life's Passages thru Turning Point Dreams: Alan Siegel, PhD, supervising psychologist at Calif Pacific Med Ctr, presents guidelines for understanding & using insight from our dream life. Learn to utilize dreams as a source of guidance during life transitions. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St, SF. Light refreshments served, attendance limited. Call Rosalind 923-3680 for info. Part of Planetree Health Resource Center's Health Lecture Series.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Z Budapest, author, "grandmother" of feminist witchcraft & goddess rituals in Northern Calif, celebrates her newest book, *Grandmother Moon* with a reading & booksigning at 7:30 pm. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Gay at Work—What does it mean to be out (or not out) at work? Led by Debby. All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.

Ahavat Yisrael: Love of Israel—a concert celebration in honor of Israel Independence Day with Shlomo Carlebach at SF Jewish Community Center. Rabbi Carlebach blends humor & song in a special tribute to Jewish culture, expressing love of Torah, God & Israel. 8 pm, $12. 3200 California St, SF. Info: Jason Gaber 346-6040 ext 207.

Steamy & Hot Eve of erotic short stories with Midgett at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore. New stories & old favorites. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Women's Voices; no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

"Mayhem in May," presented by Club Female Trouble at the DNA Lounge. Live music by *The She Devils, Love Scar* (w/Slade!), *God's Girlfriend,* Lisa Palty & *The Goatees* & special guest emcee Mimi Freed. Doors open at 8 pm, show at 8:30. 375.11th St, SF. Info: 550-0148.

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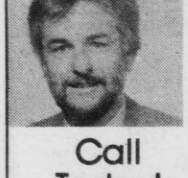

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ON STAGE

The Baddest of Boys by Doug Holsclaw. Friends, employees & caregivers of Perry, the owner of a trendy SF eatery, vie for his attention (and hopefully ownership of his restaurant) as he lays dying. Theatre Rhino production. Previews 5/14 & 15, play opens 5/16, Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, with extra 3 pm performance on 5/24. Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Tix $10-11 previews, $20 opening, $10-17 all other performances. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Merchant of Venice by Shakespeare. Asian American Theater Co presents an all-Asian cast in this production of Shakespeare's classic tale of prejudice, mercy & forgiveness. Preview 5/7, play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, 5/8-24. Tix $5 preview, $8 gen'l. Asian American Theatre, 403 Arguello Blvd at Geary, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Making A Name for Ourselves a new work by Actors Anonymous at Asian American Theater Center's Second Stage. An irreverent & frighteningly hilarious work designed to subvert the commonly accepted & endlessly perpetuated cultural "norms." Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, 5/28-6/21. Asian American Theater Ctr, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Anatomy of a Springroll by Paul Kwan and Arnold Iger. Play uses life-size puppets, elaborately masked & costumed performers, plus cinematic & photographic elements to explore food as a metaphor for cultural identity. Kwan seeks to reconcile & rediscover his cultural origins as a Vietnamese-born, ethnic Chinese, naturalized American citizen learning the secret of his mother's spring roll recipe. Produced by Persona Grata productions. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, 5/21-31. Tix $13-15. Asian American Theater, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Tea, by Velina Hasu Houston. A penetrating, sometimes humorous, often painful exploration of the lives of 5 Japanese women who married American soldiers after WWII. These "war brides" are thrown together by tragic circumstances, and find the common bonds of their heritage while drinking tea. Theatre of Yugen production. Play previews on 5/13, opens 5/14, runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, thru 6/7. Tix $8 previews, $15 opening night, $12 eve performances, $10 Sun matinees. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF. Info/res: 621-0507.

Tony 'N' Tina's Wedding, work by Artifical Intelligence Comedy Troupe. This critically acclaimed off-Broadway sensation is a piece of living theater in which members of the audience are enlisted as singing, dancing, drinking & eating wedding guests at this hilarious send-up of an Italian American wedding. The cast of 30 ranges from the wedding party to the caterer, waiters & staff, all enacting mini-dramas throughout the event, leaving the audience wondering who's acting and who isn't. Previews 5/15, show opens 5/20 and runs open-ended Tues-Fri at 7:30 pm, Sat at 2 & 7:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 6:30 pm at First Congregational Church, Post & Mason, SF. Tix $30 previews, $45-55 regular performances (includes supper, champagne & cake at the reception). Info/res: (415) 392-4400 or BASS/Ticketmaster (510) 762-BASS.

Two One-Acts on the futility of war, **Aria Da Capo** by Edna St Vincent Millay and **Masks of Angels** by Notis Peryalis, presented in honor of the centenary of Millay's birth. A Women Direct & Brava for Women in the Arts production. Runs 8:30 pm Fri & Sat, 3:30 pm Sun, 5/1-10. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts, srs & low-income. Brava! Studio Theatre, 2180 Bryant St at 20th, SF. Info/res: 474-8285.

The Opposite Sex is Neither by Kate Bornstein in collaboration with Noreen C Barnes. Solo performance piece tackles head-on the concepts of gender & belonging, sex & ownership, seduction & obedience. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St nr 20th, SF. Tix $6-9 Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat, $8 Sun. Info/res: 641-0235.

Paper Flowers (Flores de Papel) by Chilean playwright Egon Wolff, translated into English by Margaret Sayers Peden. An unconventional love story. A street person intrudes into the quiet life of a lonely woman, turning upside down her middle class sensibilities. Global Local Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 5/21-23, 5/28-30 and 5/24 & 31. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info/res: (415) 695-6970 or (510) 654-2352.

Kvetch by Steven Berkoff. Neurotically charged domestic comedy. Phoenix Theatre production. Previews 5/13-15 at 8 pm, $6, opening night gala 5/16 at 8 pm, $15. Play runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, $13, Sun at 7 pm, $10. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

The Hour of the Lynx by Per Olav Enquist. Drama explores the mind of an incarcerated young man who is the pawn between an institutional psychologist and a pastor. North Beach Repertory Theatre production. Previews 5/1, 2, 8 & 9 at 8 pm, with Sat matinees at 2 pm, $8. Opening night gala on 5/13 at 8 pm, $30. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, $12, with Sat matinees at 2 pm, $10; thru 6/20. North Beach Repertory Theatre, The Cannery (3rd floor), 2801 Leavenworth, SF. Info/res: 928-4860.

Private Eye by Nightletter Theater, in conjunction with Climate Theater. A film noir adventure in the theater of dreams. The dreamer, Dorothy, summons a detective thru her TV because she is convinced that she is in danger. Play opens 4/23, runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm thru 5/10. Tix: $10 & $12. Climate Theater, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Thicket by Susan Griffin, in collaboration with Ruth Zaporah. An intense & wrenching, sometimes comic monologue about the process of grief. Play runs 5/1 & 2 at 8 pm (previews 4/29 & 30 at 8 pm) at Life on the Water Theater as part of Earth Drama Lab. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, 5/14-30, at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Tix: $10 preivew, $12 regular (including Life on the Water performances). Info/res: Life on the Water 776-8999, Climate Theatre 626-9196.

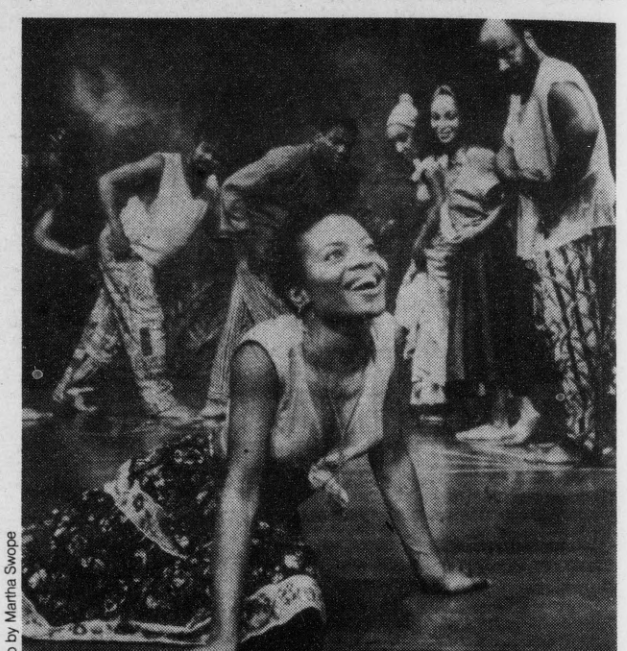
Road to Nirvana by Arthur Kopit. A striking and at times chilling black comedy following three present-day movie industry hustlers ready to make any sacrifice to cut the ultimate deal & make their mark in Hollywood. Encore Theatre Co production. Play enjoyed a sold-out run at the ACT Playroom, and re-opens at the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre on 5/21 for an 8-wk run. Previews 5/15 & 16, 5/19 & 20 at 8 pm, opens 5/21 at 8, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sat & Sun at 3 pm. Tix $15-22. For info/res: 989-9132. 620 Sutter St at Mason, SF.

The Cocktail Hour by AR Gurney. A hilarious dissection of American WASP values. ACT production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm; Wed & Sat matinee at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm; thru 5/16. Tix $10-26 weeknights, $11-33 weekends. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, SF. Info/res: 749-2ACT.

Bachelor Rat by Han Ong. A lyrical & sometimes surreal exploration of a gay man's yearnings & desires. Thick Description production. Runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/3. Tix $8-12 SL fee. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF. Info/res: 621-0507.

Heroes & Saints by Cherrie Moraga. A surreal drama about one Chicano family working in a fictional "cancer cluster" community. Central character is Cerezita Valle, born as a human head without a body as a result of pesticide use, who becomes a passionate activist & visionary. Brava! For Women in the Arts production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm thru 5/3. Tix: $13-15 regular shows. Mission Cultural Center Theater, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info/res: 695-6970.

Don't Even Think of Parking Here one-man show with Ian Shoales and special guest Deborah Gwinn. Subject matter taken at random from the audience. Laughter permitted. The Marsh production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/10. Tix $6-9 Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat, $8 Sun. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.



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Once On This Island

Fool for Love by Sam Shephard. Passionate & tragic love story. Incognita Repertory production. Runs thru 5/17 at Asian American Theatre Center. Thurs-Sat at 7 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 405 Arguello Blvd, nr Clement, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde. Berkeley Rep's production of the classic satire uses Wilde's seldom-seen original four-act version. Previews 4/24-28, opens 4/29, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm thru 6/11. Sun at 2 & 7 pm on 5/2, 16 & 30, Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 5/7 & 21, 6/4 & 11. Tix $18 previews, $29 opening night, $23 Tues-Thurs & Sun, $29 Fri & Sat, $21 matinees. 2025 Addison St at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Good by CP Taylor. Academy Award-winning actor William Hurt portrays John Halder, a liberal professor of literature who undergoes a gradual, insidious descent from "good" man to SS officer; a man trapped in the nightmare of the Third Reich all the while trusting in his own essential virtue. ACT production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm thru 6/6. Wed & Sat matinee at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm. The Halder role performed by Lawrence Hecht 5/28-31. Tix $10-26 wknights, $11-33 wkends. Info/res: 749-2ACT or 762-BASS. Stage Door Theater, 420 Mason St at Geary, SF.

Nostagia, a Vietnamese folk tale by Huynh Quang Nhuong. Blends together the story of a lost little girl and an ancient Vietnamese myth. Northside Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 5/3. Tix $6 gen'l., $4 kids under 16 & srs. 848 E. William St, btwn S. 18th & 9th, San Jose. Info/res: (408) 288-7820.

Uncle Tadao by RA Shiomi. A tragicomic look at a Japanese-Canadian family struggling with the issues of pain, guilt and reparation for past injustice. When his daughter raises the issue over Thanksgiving dinner, George Uchida is forced to remember the death of his brother Tadao in 1941, when the Canadian government ordered the total evacuation of all Japanese from the West Coast. Asian American Theater Co production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 5/17 (except Easter Sunday, 4/19) at Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd at Clement, SF. Tix $13-15. Info/res: 751-2600.

Measure for Measure by William Shakespeare. One of Shakespeare's most provocative & controversial plays, an interrogation of the relationship between power, sexuality and punishment. UC Berkeley theater production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 4/23-25 & 4/30-5/2, at 2 pm 4/26 & 5/3. Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley campus. Tix $8 gen'l, $5 srs, $4 stdnts with ID.

The Lady Upstairs by Sara Felder. A love story about atomic fission. Intersection for the Arts production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 5/2, $10. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Reasons to Love. Reason to Live. Half. No Reason by Han Ong. Poetic, multicultural drama told in free verse. Follows ex-convict Rudy as he & his conflicting psyches drift through encounters. Part of Magic Theatre's annual Springfest new play series. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 5/9, post-show forum on 5/1. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Tix $17-21 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 441-8822.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? musical stage spoof of the Bette Davis/Joan Crawford classic, showcases a multitude of dead celebrities, living legends, lush costumes & more wigs than a Woolworth's sale. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, thru 5/31. Victoria Theater, 2961 16th St, SF. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 863-7576.

3 Solo Performance Works by playwright/producer John O'Keefe, presented by Actor's Theatre. See **Man in the Moon**, **The Promoter**, and **The Magician**. Opening night 5/7 at 8 pm, regular performances Thurs & Sun at pm, $10; Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $12; thru 5/31. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 298-9179.

Once On This Island, musical fairytale based on a novel by noted Trinidadian author Rosa Guy. Mythical tale of a beautiful peasant girl who saves the life of a wealthy young aristocrat & promises her soul to the powerful gods of her island in exchange for the boy's love. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 & 3 pm, thru 4/26; Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm, 4/28-5/17. Tix: $44-$12. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

At The Cabaret Chat Noir by David Arrow & Carl Danielsen. Award-winning musical puts you at the center of Rodolphe Salis' famous Parisian cabaret. A joyous celebration of life & freedom. Open-ended run at the Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St at Geary, SF. Wed-Fri at 8 pj, Sat at 4 & 9 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm. Info/res: 989-9132.

GALLERIES

Lesbian Adoptee Art Show & Reading: 5/9 (night before Mother's Day), 7-10 pm at 1777 Yosemite Ave #4F. Doors close at 7:30 pm. $5-20 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "Stuart Davis: American Painter," thru 6/7; "Angels: Bruce Conner, 1973-1975," 24 photograms from Conner's Angel series on exhibit thru 7/5. "Robert Rauschenberg: the Early 1950s," 5/14-8/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Art Lick Gallery: New Paintings by Greg Wulf, on exhibit thru 5/24. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.

Judah L Magnes Museum: Photographers Vision—A Festival of Photodocumentaries on Jewish Life, features four exhibitions thru 4/26. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays & closed 4/28-5/12 for renovations. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Emmet Gowin: Photographs," exhibit of over 120 photos on exhibit 5/8-7/12. "Fauna: Specious Origins," a photo-conceptual exhibit by Catalan artists Joan Fontcuberta & Pere Formiguera, 5/13-7/12. "Ansel Adams & the National Parks," exhibit of Adams' legendary photos made in American nat'l parks & monuments, 6/3-9/6. "A Distanced Land: The Photographs of John Pfahl," retrospective exhibit, thru 5/3. "De Natura: Collaborative Works by Vikky Alexander & Ellen Brooks," thru 5/10. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4

gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Broad Humor: Women Cartoonists of the Past, Present & Future," exhibit of original art by women cartoonists. Thru 5/16. Also "Black Ink," an exhibit of original art by African American cartoonists, thru 5/16. "Visions of the Floating World: the Cartoon Art of Japan," 5/27-9/5. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.

Bomani Gallery: Mixed media by Calvin B Jones. Thru 5/20. 251 Post St, SF. 6th floor. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 11 am-5 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 296-8677.

Circle Gallery: Exhibit of Erte's classic lithographs & serigraphs in celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth. Thru 5/25. 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.

Soft Touch Gallery: Prints & drawings by Sallie Moore, on exhibit 5/1-31. Reception 5/8, 7-9 pm. 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.

The Lab Gallery: "An Invitation to the Golden Age," environmental installation by visual artist Kevin Radley. Thru 5/16. 1807 Divisadero St at Bush, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

John Pence Gallery: "Still Lifes & Florals," exhibit of work by selected American artists, past & present. Thru 5/9. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Morphos Gallery: "Scott Mutter: Photomontages," on exhibit thru 5/10. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

New Langton Arts: "Aliens Who..." installation by Inigo Mangiano-Ovalle & "The Black Museum," installation by Danny Tisdale. Thru 5/16. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.

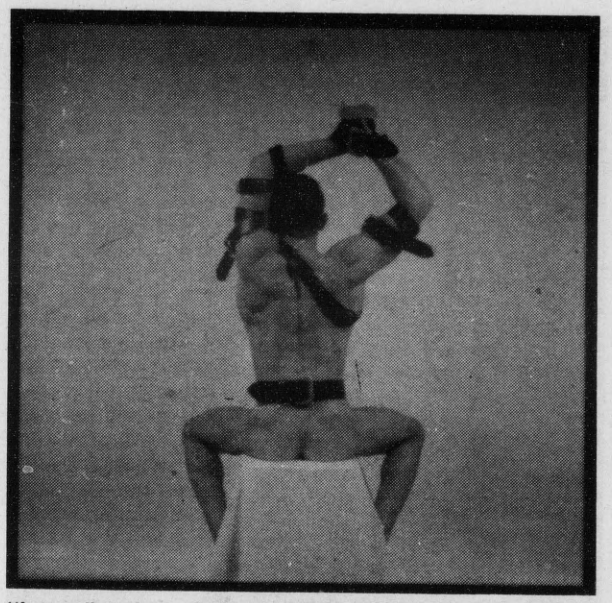
Robert Dana Gallery: Recent works by American Fauve/Expressionist artist Sarena Rosenfeld, thru 4/27. Group exhibit: Ink drawings by Pedro Jimenez, photos by Nina Glaser, paintings & sculpture by Lawrence Hacken, mixed media on canvas by Dan Samborski; on exhibit 5/8-6/8. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Mon, Fri & Sat; 11 am-5 pm Sun; and by apt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.

KBBK Studios: "Mixing Memory & Desire," oil paintings & pastels by Jeffrey Welch, on exhibit 5/1-30, opening reception 5/3, 2-5 pm. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Hrs: Thurs 3-6 pm, Fri & Sat 2-5 pm; and by appt. Info: 563-9046.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Pond Farm," pottery works by Marguerite Wildenhain, Gordon Herr, Jane Herr & Franz Wildenhain; on exhibit 5/2-6/28. "Julia Morgan: Architecture Rendered Beautiful," photos & original polychrome & black & white sketches of the architect's work; 5/2-6/28, opening reception 5/5, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: Paintings by Phillipine-born artist Manuel Ocampo in the Gallery 2, thru 6/21. Related programs: Lecture by Rene Ciria-Cruz, "The Phillipines: A Country or a Latin-American Novel?" 4/26 at 2 pm. "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. In Gallery 1, "Rubashov's House," a constructed reflection by Jill Lahn Stoner on the image of solitary confinement; thru 6/28. Related programs: Artist's talk on 4/29 at noon; reading by Lawrence Thomas from his acclaimed book, *Imagining Argentina*, set in the 1970s when thousands of Argentinians disappeared into the general's prisons & torture chambers, 5/10 at 2 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities Gallery. Exhibit of paintings & prints by Marlon Mullen, and paintings by Christopher Brown; thru 5/1. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.



"Immediate"—a photo exhibit by Niall M. Yoshizumi

SF Camerawork: Filmworks by Wyn Geleynse, "ID," a video installation by Chris Robbins, on exhibit 4/30-6/6. Related program: Reception 4/30, 6-8 pm with gallery talk by Geleynse; ara Diamond, Cathy Greenblatt, Jackie Orr & Chris Robbins, in "Panic, Inc," an exchange, with a performance by Jackie Orr, 5/26 at 8 pm, $5. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "The Archeology of Intention," a temporary outdoor installation by Bernie Lubell; on exhibit thru 6/19. "Sight," exhibit of works by 5 artists (Chris Daubert, Tom Foolery, Peggy Ingalls, Bob Jones & Ingrid Muan) investigating the phenomena of visual perception. 4/24-6/5. Related programs: Artist's reception 4/23, 5-7 pm; gallery talk by the artists, 5/21 at 7 pm. 155 Grove St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Thurs, noon-5 pm Sat. Info: 554-9682.

The Jewish Museum: "In Fine Linen: the Art of Laurie Gross," retrospective of approx 100 of Gross' fibre sculptures, plus a new installation. On exhibit thru 6/14. 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: "HomeFront: Comprehending a Common Language," group exhibit of works in various media by Jose Antonio Burciaga, Bernadette Cotter, Roshini Kempadoo, Bobby Neel Adams, Andre Kreft, Ann Meredith, Maria Porges, Charles Schmalz, Lorna Simpson, Diane Tani, Carrie Mae Weems & Rene Yung. Thru 6/13. Related program: Informal discussion with Jose Antonio Burciaga, Maria Porges & Diane Tani, 5/7 at 7:30 pm. 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

"Myths & Icons," exhibit of paintings by Jeff Bedrick at Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St, SF. Thru 5/3. Info: 921-8383.

"Through the Looking Glass," an exhibit of acid art & artifacts. Over 100 pieces of original art on blotter paper. Exhibit also includes photos, rock posters, and handbills incorporating the acid theme, including a signed & numbered silkscreen by Ken Kesey. On exhibit thru 4/30 at the ArtRock Gallery, 1153 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Daily, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 255-7390.

Eye Gallery: Annual Photography Benefit Auction. Preview 4/25-5/1, auction 5/2 at 1 pm. 1151 Mission St, SF. Info: 431-6911. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat.

"Beyond the Volcanoes," the first comprehensive exhibit of contemporary Salvadoran artists in the US. Features 25 visual artists from El Salvador, presenting an overview of folkloric, primitive, expressionistic, conceptual & abstract paintings. Thru 5/30 at Galeria Museo, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Hrs: 1-6 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-4 pm Sat. Info: 821-1155.

Lee & Lees Contemporary Art Gallery: "New Beginnings," exhibit of the works of two nonprofit art studios, Creativity Explored and Hospitality House Community Arts Program. Thru 5/10. 347 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: noon-8 pm Tues-Sat, and by appt. Info: 255-1097.

"A Reflection on Humanity," exhibit of sculpture by Cedric Wentworth, thru 5/4 at Wentworth/Mein Studio-Gallery. 8 Rodgers Alley (btwn 7th & 8th, off Folsom), SF. Opening reception 4/15, 5:30-9:30 pm. Info: 255-3074.

"Beyond Taboo," an exhibit of oil paintings by Frank Moore & drawings by LaBash. Thru 5/1 at the Int'l Coffee Inn, 526 21st St, Oakl. Info: (510) 532-1052.

10th Anniversary East Bay Open Studios: Self-guided tours, art exhibit & sale: From Oakland to Richmond, the largest open studios in Northern Calif. Gallery exhibit 4/29-5/17 (Tues-Thurs, noon-6 pm, Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat & Sun 11 am-5 pm); silent auction on 5/6, 6-9 pm; artist's reception 5/7, 6-9 pm; south studios 5/9 & 10, 11 am-6 pm, north studios 5/16 & 17, 11 am-6 pm.

"Ashcan Rantings," installation by conceptual artist Jovi Juan, on exhibit at Footwork Gallery thru 4/30. 3221 22nd St, SF. Info: 824-5044.

"Immediate," an exhibit of photography by Niall M Yoshizumi at Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St, SF. 5/3-6/14. Opening reception 5/15, 7-9 pm. Info: 921-8383.

"Signs Shades," paintings by Steve Fegan on exhibit at Singing in the Stone Gallery thru 5/17. 2115 Taraval & 32nd Ave, SF.

"Egypt in Transition—Graeco-Roman Africa," exhibit of ancient artifacts including jewelry, pottery, games, etc; plus a fine collection of Graeco-Roman coins marking Africa's introduction to currency. On exhibit thru 5/15 at Becker-Colonna Egyptian Gallery, Science Building, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-2 pm. Info: 338-2068.

Recent Paintings by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, on exhibit thru 5/29. Artist's reception 5/6, 6-8 pm. IIC Gallery, 425 Bush St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4:30 pm. Info/RSVP: 788-7142.

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AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP for all people with immune disorders, meets in SF. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic ques-

tions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th., SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Provides support groups for African American men & men of all colors. Also provides transportation assistance (to medical appts & to pick up medication) to HIV positive African American men in SF & Oakl. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Genter Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV+ Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

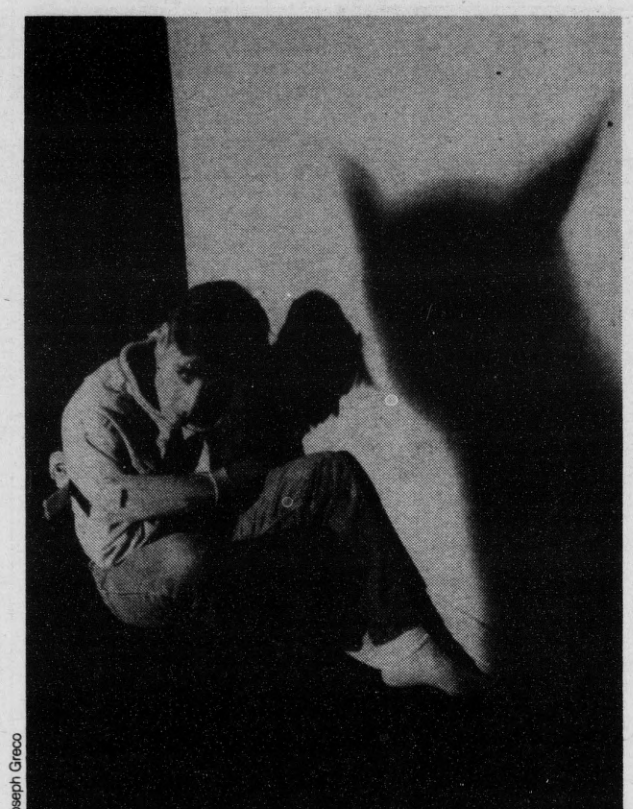
AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired



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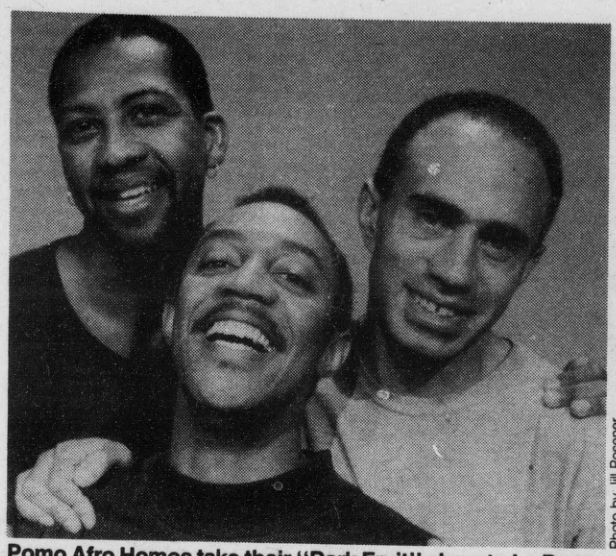
"The Hour of the Lynx" opens at North Beach Repertory. See OnStage for details.



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Pomo Afro Homos take their "Dark Fruit" show to La Pena, April 29.

people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Homê Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free drop-in discussion group with registered dietician. Discuss principles of a balanced diet, food safety, side effect management, exercise, alternative therapies & more. Discussion in English or Spanish. Group meets Fri afternoons, SF location. Call (510) 547-7893 for time, location & other info.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meets the 2nd Sun of the month. For info/location call 863-8651.

Al-Anon ACA Lesbian/Women Mtg in Pacifica: Tues at 7:30 pm, Pacifica Community Center, Hwy 1 at Crespi Dr. Info: Beverly 359-6364.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712

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North County Bisexual Support Groups: Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30 pm, then short social following mtg. Focus on any issues presented by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Call Colin (707) 823-2990 for info.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Mr Gay Pride/Ms Gay Pride Contest: The SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Committee welcomes applications for Mr & Ms Gay Pride 1992. The winners keep their titles for a year and represent the Parade at functions. For applications & other info call 648-1904. Deadline: 4/25.

Festival at the Lake: Annual cultural extravaganza in Oakland, seeks entries in its Annual Juried Photo Competition. Amateur & professonal photographers from the 9 Bay Area counties are elcome. $5 entry fee, no limit on number of entries. Youth submissions are free & limited to 3 entries. For categories & other details call 464-1061. $4000 in prizes offered. Deadline: 5/6.

Brat Attack: Do It Yourself S/M seeks submissions by s/m dykes of color (and others). Send news, cartoons, graphix, rants, handy tips, interviews, roundtable discussions & unusual poetry or fiction. Issue Deadline: 5/31. Contact: Brat Attack, POB 40754, SF CA 94141-0754.

Deaf Gay Community: Submissions sought for an anthology focusing on gay men & lesbians who are deaf. This will be the first book to focus on deaf lesbians & gays. Send submissions & inquiries with SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) to Raymond Luczak, PO Box 1263, Cooper Station, NY NY 10276-1263. Deadline: 6/1.

From Wedded Wife to Lesbian Life: Stories of Formerly-Married Lesbians. Personal narratives, short autobiographical fiction, poems, photos sought for anthology. Send SASE for guidelines & submissions to editors Deborah Abbott/Ellen Farmer, 1515 Capitola Rd, Ste E, Santa Cruz CA 95062. Deadline: 7/15.

Naked Nude Group Art Show: Submissions sought (women & people of color especially encouraged) of artwork & artists working with the nude for a group art show where the art, artists & viewers will all be nude. Nude live performers (musicians, body painters, readers, etc) also sought for this 6/21 event. Call 544-1136 for details.

Bay Area Artists sought to take part in the 40th annual Sausalito Art Festival over Labor Day Weekend. Call (707) 538-8980 for details. Deadline: 5/15.

African American Gay & Lesbian Conference Committee seeks submissions for several events related to the Oct '92 conference: Poster design contest, entry fee $10, cash prize $50. Flag design contest, entry fee $10, prize $200. Essay contest, "Why An African American Gay & Lesbian Flag Should Fly Over the United States," entry fee $10, $100, $50 & $25 cash prizes. Entry deadline: 7/31. Info: Midgett 648-3658.

SEXART Salon: Submissions sought for a series of pansexual multidisciplinary events including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art & sex-related slideshows of artwork. Mark I. Chester, an artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.

Genders Anonymous: RAM Studios seeks models of all sexual genders & lifestyles for an upcoming fine art photography exhibit. Call 553-8172 for details.

Bonehead & Betty: A Lesbian Outlaw Anthology: Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissions of short stories, poetry, articles and visual art depicting butch/femme/rude girl/tomboy and general gender fuck lifestyles. Send inquiries & submissions to Tribas, c/o Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366.

Gay & Lesbian Firsts & Records: Alyson Publications is compiling a gay & lesbian book of firsts & records (ie, first openly queer elected officials, first gay books, etc). Suggestions for entries are sought. Don't be shy about tooting your own horn. Documentation should be included, to the extent that it is available. Send submissions to Lynne Yamaguchi Fletcher, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston, MA 02118.

Anything That Moves: *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality, a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on sexuality & erotica. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24,* SF 94115 for guidelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

Theatre Rhinoceros' NET Project seeks written material for developing a theater piece on aging and maturity from a lesbian & gay perspective. Material from 5-15 min in length, consisting of personal stories, scenes, monologue etc, sought. Send to Maggie Olesen, c/o Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St, SF 94103 or call 821-1937.

Old Home Movies sought by the Judah Magnes Museum and its Western Jewish History Center, a film & sound archive which collects & preserves historic film footage & audiotape of Jewish communities in the western United States. Archive has particular interest in movies & sound recorded before 1965 in any format (8mm, 16mm, ¼" audiotape, etc) including film & sound of events at Jewish organizations, institutions & business, Jewish family life cycle rituals & synagogue activities. Contact Bill Chayes or Elizabeth Friedman at the Museum (510) 549-6952 Mon-Thurs or write (do not send materials) to them at Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St, Berkeley, 94705.

Women of Color & Jewish Women Over 60 sought for an oral history video project on women's experiences in the 1950s, conducted by lesbian students at UC Berkeley. If you are interested or available for an interview call (510) 549-4256.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Environmental Health Network: Nonprofit provides support, advocacy & referral for people with illnesses caused or aggravated by toxic chemicals (allergies, asthma, autoimmune diseases, chronic fatigue, etc). Voicemail: 541-5075.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

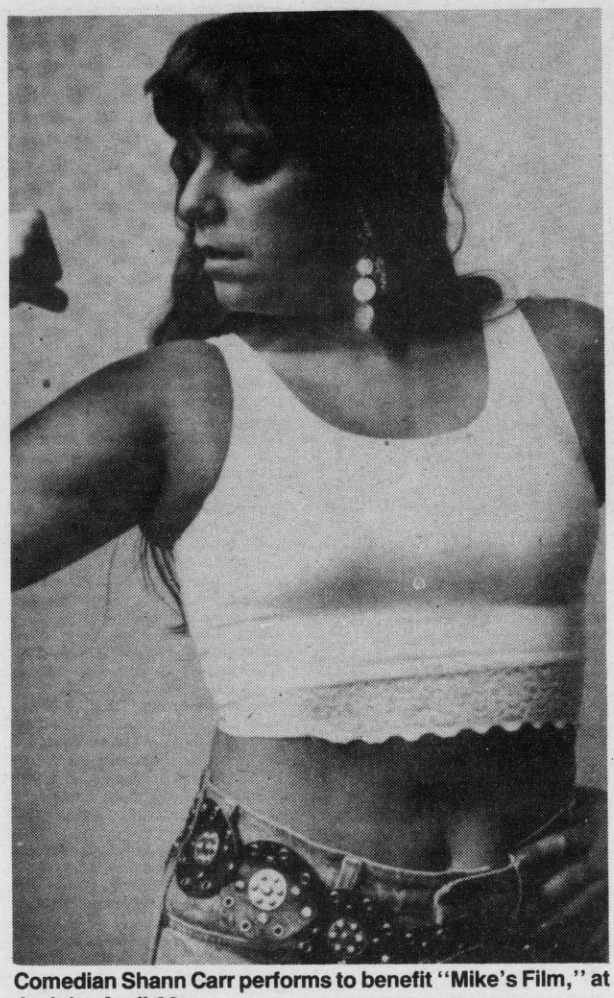
Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $5-8 SL fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.



Comedian Shann Carr performs to benefit "Mike's Film," at Josie's, April 29.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Women's Reading Group: Monthly potluck brunch & book discussion for women who are powerless over printed matter. Improve your mind & broaden your horizons. Info/location: Jill 255-7809.

Brewmistress: Informal group of women who are interested in brewing. Info: Lin 383-5345.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 548-8283.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:30-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors: Women's Support Group. Meets wkly, free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

30 Somethin' Group: Social/support group for professional African American lesbians, ages 30-39. Monthly events: mtgs, wkshops, potlucks, movies, etc. Clean & sober space. Meets 1st Tues of each month. Info: (510) 832-2638 or (510) 601-5904.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to African American men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call (510) 482-0787 or (510) 339-1314.

Transsexuals of Color: Open to FTMs & MTFs, pre- and post-ops. See Transgender Groups.

Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.

Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.

QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street

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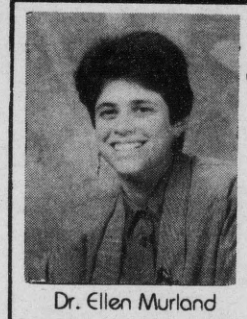

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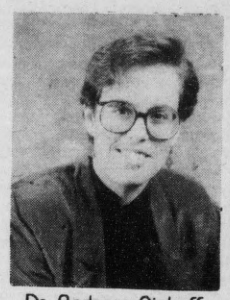

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Monday, May 11, 1992, 7 P.M.

Women and Cancer Walkathon
Saturday, May 9, 1992

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demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

Jerry Brown for President Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & commited to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

"Between the Dog & the Wolf" at the Festival of the Performing Arts, starting May 1.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Soft Men Unite! Social group for "proud, gentle, effeminate men" who enjoy each other's company. Meet for cafe conversations, movie-going, roller-skating, etc. All soft men, including men of color, bisexuals, gays, straights, and non-macho female-to-male transsexuals, are welcome. Write: SOMU, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990, attn RK.

Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.

Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.

Eastbay Feminist Minyan: Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call 845-9711 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: Gay male Buddhist organization meets on the 2nd & 4th Sun of every month for meditation & for understanding, discussion & support of the study & practice of all forms of Buddhism. Beginners as well as experienced Dharma practitioners are welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

Gay Spirit Drumming Circle meets at 194 Church Street, SF for a celebration with dancing, drumming & meditation. Info: Bob 456-1108.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Jl Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical, social & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics, and friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Peace United Church: All gay, lesbian & straight people, singles & families, are welcome. Two lesbian ministers. Politically aware, justice-oriented, creative community, sensitive to each individual. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. 5 pm Sun service. 424 Monte Vista near Piedmont Ave, Oakland. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

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Golden Gate Institute of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips. No membership fees. For info send SASE to PO Box 511 Forest Knolls, CA 94933 or call 488-0156.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.

Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call John 252-9769 for details.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

Eureka Valley Rec Ctr in the Castro offers free adult programs for everyone: Mon—women's basketball, square dance. Tues—badminton, wrestling club, folk dance. Wed—women's night! Basketball, volleyball, square dance. Thurs—free-play basketball. Sat—men's volleyball, Sun—men's volleyball & men's basketball. For time, to donate exercise equipment, or for other info call 554-9528.

Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.

Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.

Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with EI a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535 or Alexon 431-4568.

UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups

Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

Lesbian Midlife Support Group meets monthly on Sun in SF. Free. Discussion followed by social hour. Also special activities. Call 647-0413 for info/location.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Eating Disorder Support Group for men & women recovering from anorexia & bulimia. Call Tommy 750-9569 (leave message) for details

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 647-0413.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups".**

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

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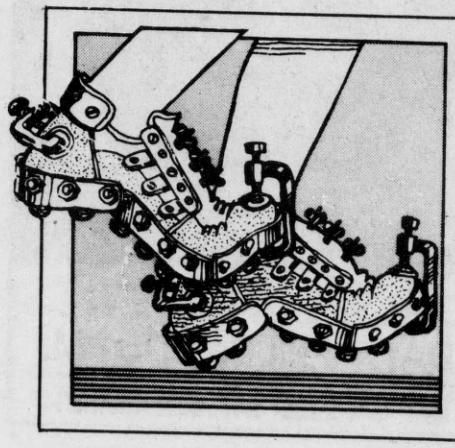

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BY DON BAIRD

Rock 'N' Roll Pt. III

To pick right up where my last column left off, I must first sincerely apologize to any drag queens I may have possibly offended with the stereotypical expectations I expressed toward cross-genderal musical tastes in general. I was told in no uncertain terms by two prominent drag queens how condescending I sounded when I pointed out my surprise over learning that drag thing Jade Semi-Precious likes rock 'n' roll more than Edith Piaf, Judy Garland or showtunes.

How dare I assume such a monstrously egotistical stance! When put on the spot for it, I certainly had to eat my share of humble pie when I learned that Bambi and Scorchy have not only loved rock 'n' roll for years, but they actually *invented* it. Boy did I feel like an unsophisticated rube clumsily treading on the toes of legendary women. Again, my apologies for failing to get the five W's of journalism and rock history absolutely correct. And by the way, let's not forget to place our votes for the official image to grace the upcoming Bambi Lake U.S. postage stamp. Will it be the Early Berlin Years Bambi or the post-Josie's one-woman-show Bambi? We'll see. It's difficult to narrow down one singular image from such an expansive, rich and decade-enveloping career.

THE PIXIES

Speaking of true seminal rock 'n' roll, I attended the Pixies show that Jade and I were so anticipating during our now legendary night of rock bonding. It had been so long since I'd gone to a larger-venue rock show, that I couldn't tell if absence merely makes the heart grow fonder, or if the Pixies yet again put on a show of extraordinary power. It was the kind of performance that makes the crippled walk again, the blind toss away their canes and start doing people's color charts, and makes more smiling faces than free Ecstasy for all at sunrise on Sunday morning. Not just smiles—smiles with that extra hint of mischief. Naughty rebel pleasure of a shared secret—that yes, indeed, this is Satan's music that charged up the crowd with a gleefully unhinged physical response; it makes me willing to admit that every fundamentalist anti-rock propaganda notion to ever surface in the media is true. Yes, Jimmy Page worships Satan! Yes, Judas Priest made that kid blow his face off with a shotgun! Yes, general admission could result in death by trampling, and if it happened during this show to me, there couldn't be a more bitchin' way to die.

Photos by Marc Geller

Many examples from the life of Don Baird show that he accepts all kinds of people in drag.

This thought occurred to me, and just moments later, when the band covered the Jesus and Mary Chain song "Head On," vocalist Black Francis sang the line, "And the way I feel tonight/I could die and I wouldn't mind." I wondered why they covered a Jesus and Mary Chain song on their latest record. Now I know.

Their set was encore-less, which I love, and the bulk of it was material from their latest release *Trompe Le Monde*. They also had a keyboard player with them, who added his touches sparingly and with alarming precision. The presence of keyboards on *Trompe Le Monde* created arrangements that didn't drag the band down, but rather added a certain whimsical feeling to a number of songs. These dashes of dreaminess made me wish I could fly like Peter Pan, as if dancing alone was not enough of a response for these playfully magical forays. Check the songs, "Alec Eiffel," "Motorway to Roswell" and "The Navajo Know" for this dynamic. Incidentally, the latter of those three cuts is a short song about how the Navajo Indians know a way of walking high above the ground.

The only thing anyone in the band said to the crowd all night was Black Francis introducing the cut "Debaser" with, "Here's a pretentious song." One final note of praise for the show would have to be lauded upon the vocals. Black Francis can turn a smooth melodic lilt of a yodel instantly into a bark from the guard dogs at Hell's gate. He can enunciate with clarity and scream better than Iggy, Little Richard and Lemmy from Motorhead combined.

It had been a long time since I'd attended a show like this, but there is no doubt in my mind that it wasn't just my absence from the concert experience that made me love it so much. Greatness like this is paranormal. I felt charged by a bolt so fierce I might have been capable of super-human strength. I probably could have lifted a car off of someone trapped beneath it, and I didn't hit on any PCP-laced joint or anything else offered up by a stranger. However, I did touch a few strangers. Some things never change.

THE WEDDING PRESENT AND THINKING FELLERS UNION LOCAL 282

This show is one I've been waiting for, as I missed both of the previous visits to San Francisco by The Wedding Present, a brilliant and slightly overlooked-by-the-States band from England. Reportedly, those shows were nothing short of incredible by most descriptions I heard. The Wedding Present have been kicking around since '85. Their most recent release, *Sea Monster*, is their fourth LP, their second engineered by Steve Albini, notorious creator of the band Big Black, producer of some of the best records of the past five years and a snide grouchy noisemaker. I've been listening to their entire catalog a lot lately, an old gift on tape from an intuitive friend who quite often introduces me to musical treasures long before they become well-known.

At any rate, The Wedding Present are fronted and led by songwriter David Gedge, whose vocals are frantically reminiscent of Joy Division's Ian Curtis, but much less mopey and not sounding like a person who would kill himself like Ian did. No, Gedge is far too amused with all the pain of lost love. The sweetness and pain of his turbulent honest vocal style can whip suddenly, often at a song's crescendo, square on to raw emotion that instantly involves you enough to know tears were streaming down his face as he sang that. He's a technically strange vocalist in that same way Morrissey is; not that they sound similar, just distinctive and odd and not stopping to ask advice. He's definitely not as fey as Morrissey; he's much tougher. Gedge can whip into angry rage that lands miles away from the Harlequin Romance Melancholia of Morrissey's more maudlin moments.

What's more, the guitars are fast and tense, yet melodic; then suddenly they might explode into a searing wall of white noise and broken glass, the aural glory that is Steve Albini's handywork. People say he's too loud, and those people suck. Albini's production isn't solely an attempt to explore the threshholds of hearing loss. I think he works much harder at making guitars sound like they can actually cut you. This makes Gedge sound really angry sometimes, and imbues his lyrical sensitivity with a celebratory musical tension. These guitars don't gently weep, they wail and blubber and tell the whole story all the way down to this scar and that scar.

The Wedding Present really gets it all off their chest, and I can't wait to finally see it happen live. Thinking Fellers Union open the show, as they did last time TWP were here. A local unit of mostly transplants from my home state of Oregon, they have a healthy amount of impressive vinyl available at your nearest record store. (April 25, I-Beam, 10 pm, $10)

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ROSEANNE ARNOLD
Great American Music Hall, April 11

Memo to: Roseanne
From: Val
Re: Tom

Rosie, Rosie, Rosie. What is it with you and this guy? Matching outfits? Cuing each other from offstage? Have you ever heard of co-dependence?

Such might be my response after seeing Roseanne and hubby do their honeymoon act in front of a capacity crowd of, uh, interesting people. I don't recall ever seeing a lesbian with teased, frosted hair, but there she was, sitting right in front of me. Indeed, the audience was one of the evening's oddities. One small cluster of "gay women" kept stepping on Roseanne's lines, thinking they were being supportive. Meanwhile, Tom sat offstage, though in plain view, beaming at wifey's progress and occasionally shouting suggestions to her. This was nothing compared to Roseanne's cues during his act. Very strange behavior from two professional comics.

Roseanne asked how much of the audience was gay or lesbian—a good percentage—and then chastised us for coming out during major family holidays. "I'm glad they have that National Coming Out Day," she said. "It'll really help with family holidays." It was some good-humored joking, and she even made the connection between lesbian fashion and her own sensible, outdoorsy wear. I would like to see that taken a step further. I think Roseanne would make a great lesbian. She's got the look, the issues, the manner—and Tom, the best argument you could ever have.

DIAMANDA GALAS
Palace of Fine Arts, April 15

Galas is an odd one: a strange ghoulish creature with a voice that makes buildings tremble. Hence, the crowd mix: goths and queers. Diamanda's fondness for white facepaint, black clothing and hell-dragging themes goes over well with the funeral brigade, but what she's singing about—AIDS, Christian hypocrisy, and redemption—mark her as a real ally of our community. So, the show…

This *Judgment Day* (was it a coincidence it was Tax Day?) was a melding of Galas' operatic wailing with blues; a happy surprise for me. I love the *Plague Mass* in small doses, but an hour of it would've worn me out. Galas conserved her vocal resources by staying in her lower range to growl and rasp her way through such classics as Billie Holiday's "Gloomy Sunday" and Screamin' Jay Hawkins' "I Put a Spell on You," the latter a favorite of mine. Funny how she chooses songs so strongly identified with other artists. That Galas is well-aware of her artistic chutzpah was shown when she half mockingly claimed to sing a Blind Lemon Jefferson song "much, much better" than all the other pretenders who had covered it. Perhaps it's the fact that the songs emerge almost unrecognizable that allows Galas that freedom. Only the lyrics give a clue she's gotten hold of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," for instance. One woman leaving the show exclaimed, "Now that's women's music!"

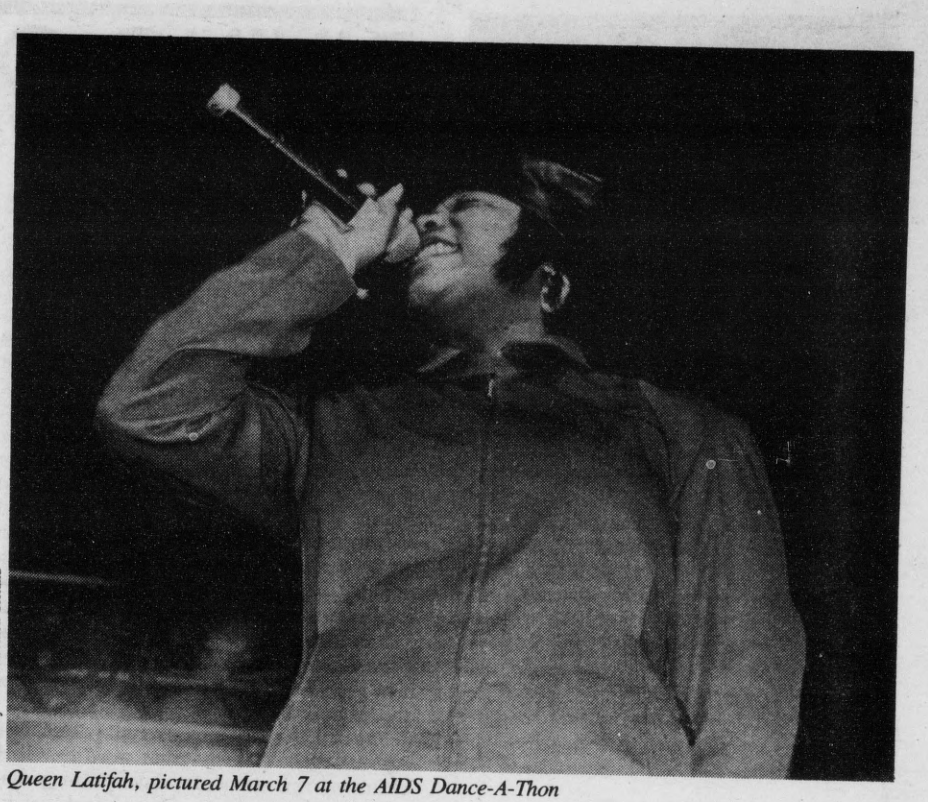
QUEEN LATIFAH
Calvin Simmons Theater, April 18

No doubt about it. The Queen was hyped up. But where was everybody? Redwood had sold only 400 tickets in the 2,000 seat house the day before the show. When I arrived 20 minutes before the scheduled start, passing through several guards and a metal detector, the place was almost empty. Things picked up with a lot of late arrivals, but the turnout brings up questions. The crowd, particularly up top, was largely white lesbians, what a friend dubbed "the Redwood crowd." There's certainly nothing wrong with white dykes coming to see the Queen. It's who wasn't there that was worrisome. Did the word get out to the Black community?

People who were there had a fine time. The two opening acts, the Berkeley Arts School Percussion Band and the female rap duo of Petite and Elite, were met with warm applause and even a standing ovation. As soon as she took the stage, Latifah gestured to everybody to stand up and come closer. So much for assigned seating. The big boys guarding the stage stood extra tall after that, but we mostly ignored them. As far as I know, it was entirely peaceful.

Anyway, Latifah, dressed in a flaming green jacket, black stirrup pants, black chunky shoes, and a small but stylish hat, had the crowd in the palm of her hand. She mugged, bantered and charmed the pants off everybody. When a spontaneous chant of "Latifah" broke out, she ate it up. The woman's got an ego, we know, but she has the chops to back it up. A DJ and drummer backed her up, but she drew the body of attention, stalking the stage and playing to the crowd. "I know this is a stupid question, but are there any ladies in the house tonight?" she queried. A storm of shrieks rose to answer her, before she broke into "Ladies First." One of her improvised lines ran: "Ladies first. That's the way it always is with me." Do tell, Latifah.

After seven raps, she called it quits, returning for four encores that ran almost as long as her set. During the last number, she jumped into the orchestra pit, giving security fits, but she emerged unscathed. She seemed to enjoy driving the crowd into a frenzy and declared, "I have to come back here another time." We'll be waiting.



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Queen Latifah, pictured March 7 at the AIDS Dance-A-Thon

SARAH McLACHLAN
***Solace*, Arista**

The second coming of Sinead O'Connor? Only 23 years old, McLachlan has been fighting this comparison with her second release. Some of these songs, most notably "Path of Thorns (Terms)," do indeed sound eerily like the bald one, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. It does, however, put unneeded pressure on this Canadian singer, who can stand on her own, thank you. The star here is her voice, which has a soaring, plaintive quality that gives an atmospheric edge to everything she sings. What she's singing about is less clear. The album title gives a clue—there's an air of restlessness in the lyrics, a search for a safe haven.

McLachlan wrote or co-wrote all of the songs, and my favorites include the aforementioned "Path," which is a shimmery mood piece with a melody echoing "Bridge Over Troubled Water," and "Black," an off-beat song with some discordant touches. "Mercy" features McLachlan's voice overdubbed to create harmony, and gives a confessional quality to the song. Overall, it's a fine collection, but she may have problems shaking that Sinead sound-alike tag. McLachlan's pretty big in Canada and up-and-coming in the United States. You can get a look at her when she appears at Bimbo's on April 30. Tickets are available at the door and through BASS.

ENDNOTES...

Altazor, the Dance Brigade, Sistah Boom, Axis Dance Troupe are all joining forces in an Evening to Support Women With Cancer on May 2. Margaret Sloan-Hunter is emceeing the show, which is a benefit for the Women's Cancer Resource Center and the Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic. The show starts at 8 at UC Berkeley's Wheeler Hall. Tickets, priced $12-$100, are available at Mama Bears, Old Wives' Tales, and A Different Light.

Female Trouble returns to the DNA Lounge on May 7, with a lineup of Lisa Palty and the Goatees, God's Girlfriend, Love Scar, and the She-Devils. Mimi Freed emcees, with an early showtime of 8 and a cover of $6.

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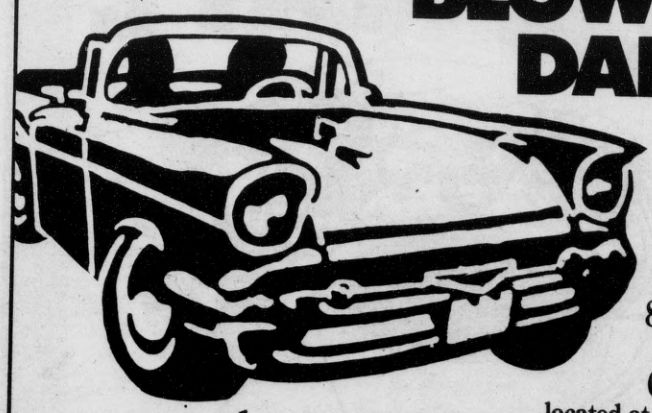

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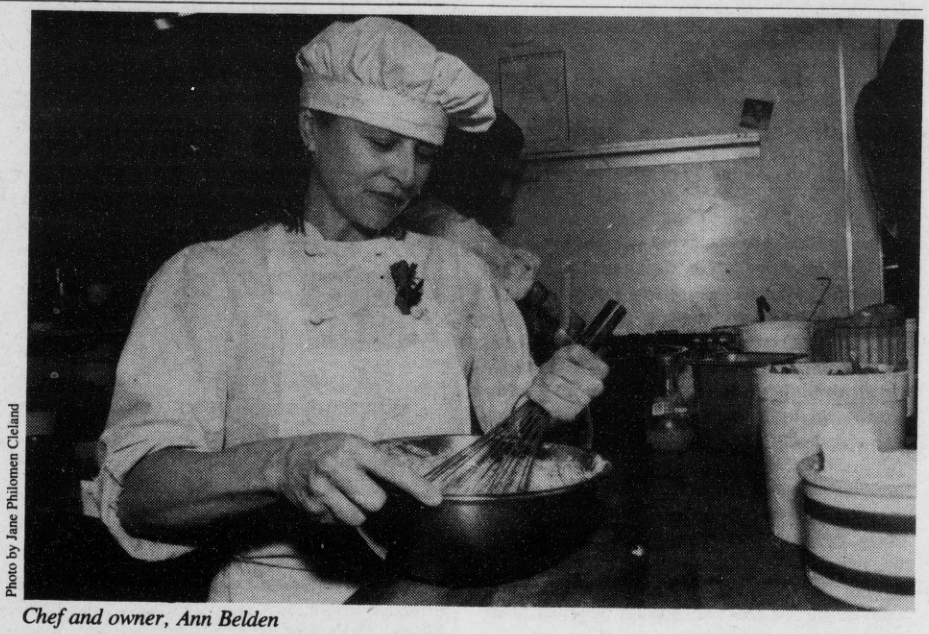
DINING OUT

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Ironwood Cafe



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Chef and owner, Ann Belden

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Named after a small town in Michigan, **Ironwood Cafe** is the dream-come-true of three college friends. With the concept of using the freshest, best products available, combining ethnic and traditional American styles, the partners opened for business in December 1980. Ninety percent of the produce is grown organically. The flour used in the breads and pastries is organically grown. Fish is fresh, and meats and poultry are grain-fed. Chef Ann Belden (one of the partners) draws on Shaker and Amish cookery, and has adopted techniques from employees, many of whom have also worked at Greens, the temple of vegetarian cooking. Employees have worked at Ironwood for five, six, nine years—a long time—which says a lot about the management style: It's good.

The building itself recalls a Pennsylvania inn, with hand-carved Amish statues, wood press-back chairs and hand-stenciled wall designs suggesting early American quilts. Four huge original natural gas fixtures, wired for electricity, hang from the ceiling and produce a mellow glow, and hurricane lamps on every table add to the antique feeling.

I made the mistake of asking friends what they thought of Ironwood Cafe before I went for dinner. Expectation can be a dangerous thing in restaurant reviewing; just as in film, literature and dating, what you hoped would be great often proves to be less than anticipated. So in visiting **Ironwood Cafe**, I tried to ignore all of the reports I had heard. Whether or not I succeeded, the food was generally disappointing, with flavors sometimes unique and dazzling, sometimes muddled or nondescript. Clearly, creativity is not the problem: Ironwood's menu, which features "comfort" foods, such as roast chicken, lamb chops, and spaetzle, evokes excitement with modern preparations of classics. Execution—flavors that don't blend and heavy-handedness—seems to be the major culprit. Don't get me wrong: I enjoyed many dishes here; in fact, I do *sense* greatness, and that's exactly why I'd love to see a more fastidious approach applied.

Our dinner vacillated between rapture and letdown. A turgid brown **Beet Soup** ($3.25) with onions, caraway seeds, and withered beets tasted oddly of vinegar and salt. Some delicate, well-chilled **Oysters on the Half Shell** with lemon and horseradish ($5.95) tasted clean and bright, with fresh, grated horseradish perking up the plump oysters. **Asparagus**, sauteed in gorgonzola cream ($5.50) paired barely crunchy tips with a salty but otherwise delicious cream sauce. **Caraway rusks with Parmesan cheese and apple pecan garlic salad** ($5.50) was a composite of caraway-scented biscotti, hunks of fresh Parmesan, and a pile of poached apple salad: an unusual combination that worked, producing a rustic, southern feel. A mixed **Green Salad** ($3.75) featured plenty of correctly room-temperature greens tossed in a peppery, well-balanced vinaigrette. **Beets and artichokes with red onion** ($5.25) needed a lift from spices, herbs, or something: vinegary veggies alone do not a salad make.

The **Spinach Gratin** with garbanzos, almonds and saffron ($8.95) was satisfying and spicy, if a bit dry and salty (did the saffron make it in here at all?) A **Half-Chicken**, roasted with herb salt ($11.95), although generous in size, lacked distinctive flavor, but was cooked well and accompanied by the quintessential potato salad, in an oniony mayonnaise. Large sea **Scallops** sauteed with mushrooms and thyme ($14.95) lacked definite flavor, but were cooked perfectly and served with a thin slab of sauteed polenta, crisp and cheesy. An innovative **Halibut** baked in parchment with kumquats, chilies and cilantro ($14.95)

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had great flavor, and yet was quite dry—sauce would have helped; kale, sauteed lightly and seasoned well, accented the fish nicely. Portions were ample; my biggest gripe was that flavors tended to be monochromatic to the extent that dishes came off bland, wimpy even.

Desserts ($3.95) were just as hit and miss as everything else: An awesome **Cheesecake**, moist, sour and creamy, was one of the best I've had on this coast. A just right **Banana Walnut cake** disappeared quickly, and was obviously very fresh. And then a slice of dry **Pear-hazelnut cake** left me wondering what happened to the ginger-espresso glaze supposedly served alongside. I found the **Chocolate cake** extremely basic and a bit stale, while the **Apple Pie** was simply not good, with heavy, tasteless crust over too few apples. A big surprise considering the excellent breads Ironwood's bakery produces.

Lunch one day proved to be a much better experience, if for the simpler items or a more adept staff. An appetizer of **Fresh Pasta** with garlic and parsley in sweet butter sauce ($7.95) gave off fragrant steam, with perfect, al dente angel hair swaddled in a robust garlic parsley butter. One of the owners told me that Ironwood proudly serves top-notch cuts of fish, and the **Ahi** in green garlic butter ($9.95) was a prime example: a sparklingly fresh steak was grilled medium rare and topped with a flawless butter, spiked with sliced green garlic, just beginning to melt down the sides of the fish.

I never liked a house wine as much I liked the one here, which Alexander Valley Vineyards blends, and Ironwood sells, for an amazing $2 a glass, with a full bottle of either red or white costing only $7.95. The rest of the list, although small, has breadth enough to cover each varietal, and features some of my preferred wines: Husch Vineyards 1990 Sauvignon Blanc, Edna Valley Vineyard's 1989 Chardonnay, and Andrew Quady's Essencia, a gorgeous honey-colored dessert wine, at $3.75 a glass. I was pleased, too, to find iced jasmine tea, a nice alternative.

Overall, Ironwood Cafe deserves a closer look. Any kitchen can have an off night—it's happened enough in my own for me to know that. Furthermore, the menu itself, concentrated on American standards prepared just a bit differently, the clean, comfortable surroundings, and the gracious service are worth something in themselves. The Ironwood Cafe, as a neighborhood restaurant, has a lot to offer, and yet with more effort could be an exceptional dining spot.

Around Town...

Ryan's, at 4230 18th, still makes a great ham and cheese sandwich. The shop downstairs also has a refrigerated case full of meatloaf, roasted chickens, lasagnes, and many other comfort foods (rice krispie treats) and luxury items (rice krispie treats dipped in chocolate), providing a great spot for lunch (to go or eat on the sun deck upstairs). Or stop by on the way home for delicious alternatives to the regular take-out. Ryan's restaurant upstairs serves dinner and weekend brunch.

Fran Gage's Patisserie Francaise (4690 18th St.) recently won first prize in *Bay Food*'s International Bread Tasting for its sour, bullet-shaped *Pain au Levain*. Gage, that goddess of pastry, has been producing handcrafted breads, fresh fruit tarts, European-style cakes, croissants, and more, at her tiny Upper Market bakery since 1984. Yes, all the bread is tops, but my fave is the Rosemary-Garlic Fougasse, a French focaccia, shaped traditionally like a fat palm frond. Stop by for a cappuccino and pick up some of the best darned baked goods in town.

Everyone has their selected burrito place. You have yours and I have mine: **Pancho Villa Taqueria** (3071 16th St.). There I get not only a burrito made exactly how I want, but also the very crave-fulfilling, finger-licking Hot & Spicy Shrimp, sauteed in chile oil with green onions, and served atop plenty of rice, beans, avocado, cheese, salsa and warm tortillas. Then I can make my own soft tacos de mariscos. A cool, refreshing agua fresca of lemon-lime, orchata (rice drink) or watermelon completes the meal. Buen gusto.

CLASSICS

BY CHING CHANG

SF Symphony Bids Farewell To Davies Hall

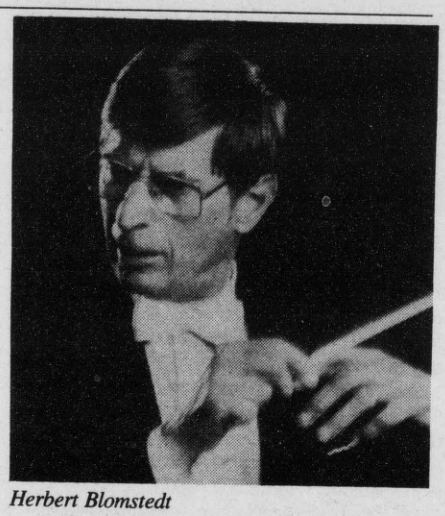
With readings of Berlioz's *Romo et Juliette*, Beethoven's *Violin Concerto in D Major* and Richard Strauss' *Also Sprach Zarathustra* these past couple weeks, the San Francisco Symphony bid farewell to the "old" Davies Hall, which will be closed for the remainder of the season and the entire summer, as the hall undergoes a major renovation. The Symphony's association hopes that when the orchestra returns to Davies Hall after its $10 million facelift for the opening of the '92-'93 season, the much talked about problem-acoustics of its home base will have reverberated away.

Last Saturday's concert (Beethoven's *Violin Concerto in D Major* with soloist Cho-Liang Lin, and Richard Strauss' *Also Sprach Zarathustra*), led by Herbert Blomstedt, was not only the orchestra's official farewell concert to Davies Hall as we have known it, but also a send-off concert as the orchestra embarks on an Asian tour of Japan and Taiwan. To mark the occasion, Mayor Frank Jordan was in attendance, and there was polite booing and hissing amidst the applause after his little speech on having the SF Symphony represent the City internationally.

It was not a problem of acoustics, though, that interfered with the performances of Berlioz's hybrid Dramatic Symphony, *Romo et Juliette, Op. 17*, a couple weeks ago. While a performance which offered quite a few refinements, it seemed in many instances as if the performers and guest maestro Roger Norrington lacked a unified conceptualization of the work. It seemed strange that Norrington chose to rush over certain key sections, e.g., in the dreamy and solemn narrative "Premier transports que nul n'oublie," sung beautifully by mezzo-soprano D'Anna Fortunato (her fumble on the French lyrics on Friday night's performance might have been due to Norrington's fast tempo), and the precious transitional moment in the Finale (it wasn't properly savored), when a hesitating but certain harmonic change ("Dieu, quel prodige etrange... toute notre ame change") dissipates magically the hatred between the Capulets and the Montagues. Friar Laurence was dramatically sung by bass John Cheek, but his forceful sound is too uniformly colored.

Perhaps I was under the influence of the idea of the renovation, but I tried changing seats to see if last Saturday's concert of Strauss and Beethoven could have sounded acoustically richer. But such an effort was pointless. (Perhaps sound engineers adjusted the acoustical panels just so the audience would leave the hall with a lesser impression of its acoustics, so that when the hall re-opens, anything will sound better...) The sound was much drier than it has been in recent memory. The Beethoven concerto came across with sharp edges (the small advantage in all this was, of course, the ability to hear clearly each and every note of the virtuosic flourishes of Cho-Liang Lin's cadenzas in the *Violin Concerto*, including sections where it felt like he was trying to shove a bowlful of notes through a small hole). Even the grandiose sound of *Also Sprach Zarathustra*'s C-G-C opening sounded somewhat hollow.

Davies acoustics have been the subject of many jokes (one I heard recently says that Pan Am wants to donate its in-flight headphones to the Symphony so that they can be installed in the hall's seats). Heaven knows what is being attempted when they fiddle with the acoustical reflectors (they look like large acrylic pizza boxes) hanging above the stage. Certain seating locations can be extremely unstable acoustically. For instance, the sound on the first tier may be fine one week, and dry (as if you were in a practice room with padded walls) the next. The sound on the second tier (where cumulus clouds may occasionally be seen)



Herbert Blomstedt

is usually muddled and textureless. I'm still skeptical as to whether the results can be worth it, but let's hope sincerely that something good acoustically gets done with $10 million, although a good part of this money will be spent in the construction of private luxury boxes, sheltered from the rest of the audience.

Astro...

(continued from page 18)

shopping ventures! This is *potentially* an excellent time for you financially, but for your tendency to impulse spending, which is now, well, as impulsive as ever, perhaps even *compulsive*. You have almost a shining light about you radiating confidence and competence. This is an excellent time to find new work, a pay raise, or to sign contracts involving publishing or broadcasting. It would seem you can do no wrong now, but two things to look out for are that old impulse-spending monster and getting carried away on your own enthusiasm. Your eagerness can be deliciously infectious, but beware your own tendency to overdo anything! Just relax and let things happen for the best.

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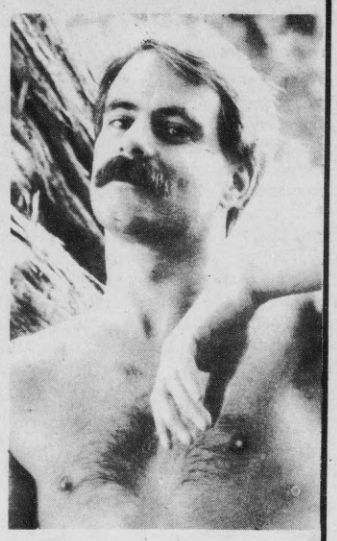

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WELCOME TO ME

BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Therapy Cheaper Than Legal Fees

What would happen if someone locked Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, former Parade Co-Chair Linda Lopez, *B.A.R.* owner Bob Ross, Sister of Perpetual Indulgence Vicious Power Hungry Bitch, former Agnos aide Larry Bush, and supervisoral candidate Cleve Jones in a broom closet for a few hours, and dosed them all with a ferocious batch of Ecstasy?

Would it make the World Wrestling Federation look like lunchtime at a nunnery? Or would they end up rubbing each others' necks, grinding their teeth, blurting out fractured, sincere phases, their eyes lolled back in their sockets?

All of these people are accomplished individuals. All of them have provided valuable community services. Many of them, however, cannot interact together productively.

Getting any select group of San Francisco queer intelligentsia to labor together toward a common goal is difficult, if not impossible, due to the nature and history of local queer politics.

Decades of cat fights in our community make the Hatfields and McCoys look tame and well mannered. Brawl after brawl roll across our panorama as snaps and dish are exchanged in a never-ending flurry: the Incorporated Sisters vs. the unincorporated Sisters, the *B.A.R.* vs. the *Sentinel*, Pink Saturday vs. the Parade Committee vs. New Stonewall Liberation Day.

Why as a community do we tend to eat our own?

Those who do achieve power soon become perceived as threats, quickly becoming victims of vicious dishing. Traditionally there has been little power available within the gay community. That which is available is hoarded, shielded in insurmountable bastions of gay bureaucracy.

The SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee acts as one of the best examples of sequestered and stagnated power. When challenged last year by a large group of people whom they saw as outsiders, the Committee changed its voting rules, firming up the power of insiders by making it more difficult to achieve voting status.

In response, those who sought entry but were rejected created Pink Saturday to eclipse the Parade, or at least dip into its glory.

By guarding entry and limiting involvement, the organizers managed to make the Parade as exciting as stamp collecting. Ever wonder why the Civic Center Celebration is so tedious and unimaginative? Try a taste of a Parade meeting, and see how philatelists plan a party.

The current hullabaloo revolving around Pink Saturday '91 and New Stonewall Liberation Day is much more complex than the missing money and misapplied permits thundering across headlines. Much of the energy propelling the controversy is based in simple vindication, again going back to 20 years of infighting.

Therapy sessions are cheaper than lawyers' fees.

It is unfortunate when noble causes become eclipsed by ambitious personalities, frustration and anger blurring convictions.

The men and women (and others) in positions of power in our community, who have attained a wealth of knowledge through experience, must embrace newcomers, acting as mentors. Eventually we must learn that it is the newcomers and upstarts who are our future.

FASHIONS FOR THE CLOSET

Leaping from the closet to the mailbox, ***International Male***'s summer catalog delivers digestible, re-marketed homocentric sportswear to an ambisexual audience, carving out its niche as the irrefutable Grim Reaper of fashion, making even Chess King look good.

My personal brush with *IM* came at age 18, when knowing no better, I purchased a battery-powered LCD bolo tie. As good fortune would have it, however, I sent it through the spin cycle shortly thereafter, averting what could have become a socially scarring experience.

Breezing through the catalog provides a whirlwind of titillation for avid gay boys, as secret-special places erupt from the pages, each carefully styled and lovingly arranged in three voluminous dimensions. Cut or uncut; heavily veined or not. You'll find no discreet airbrushing here. (Underpant model 'K' on page 27 comes to mind.)

Two looks protrude rudely from the collection, screaming examples of co-optation. Page 52 decrees: "Don't shave. Don't iron. Don't worry. It's the '90s," introducing the SKANK! line, an unconscious parody of the ACT UP clone. Marketed complete with sleeveless plaid flannel shirt, tattered knee-high jeans and black Army boots, the look arrives in America's mailboxes a mere year post-mortem. To quote myself from the Jan. 2 edition of *SF Bay Times*: "Even ACT UP Type **Bob Smith** isn't wearing sleeveless plaid flannel shirts any more."

Making the transition from ghettos and raves to runways and B-mers comes a group of clothing emblazoned with the prominent letter 'X.' Does this stand for X-tasy? Or Malcolm X? Of course not: X is for "X-posure...embodies the urban cool," and "inner-city edge." Homogenized, and sterilized, these looks have been scrupulously stripped of social content and context for easy consumption.

What can one expect from the company which marketed Gay Freedom Rings in their last catalog without mentioning they were queer?

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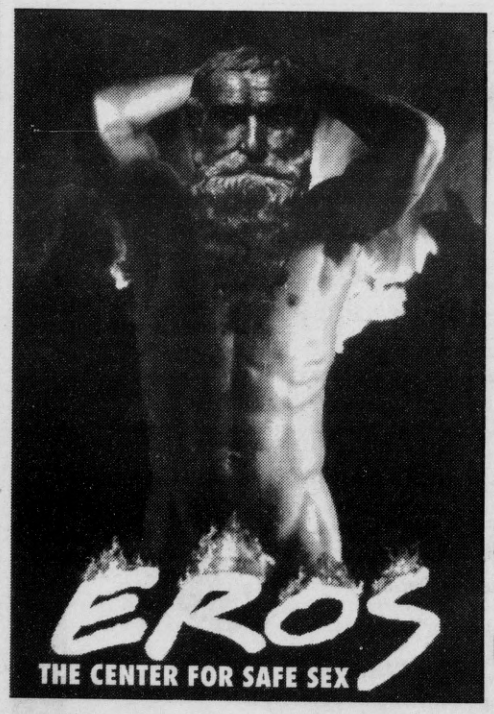

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activism is in the closet, as exemplified by Hollywood Supports, a collection of closeted industry executives advocating positive gay images in film, named in a self-loathing fashion, making no reference to the cause for which it serves. Hollywood Supports what?

As an inconsequential side note, serving only as trivial amusement, Barbra Streisand's son is married (wedding ceremony and all) to one of *IM*'s male models.

SERVING UP MY RAW MEAT

Third in my continuing series of underground raves, **RAW MEAT** reappears Saturday, April 25, at its traditional location South of Market.

Appearing on the catwalk for the event are soft rocking newcomers **Carpenteria**, followed by hard rocking queen of North American High Heel Wrestling **Rena McDonald**, alongside **God's Girlfriend**. Additional featured guests will assuredly materialize, providing for a seemingly unending evening of debauchery.

Arrivals to the event should be timed before midnight or after 2 am; otherwise expect a somewhat prolonged, though entertaining, wait. The last event was packed with a brewing rabble of over 700. If you don't know where it is, find someone who does.

Please either dress tastefully, or dressed to be tasted. Outfits encouraged.

Pussy Alert: SF darling, **Pussy Tourette** will be performing at Fusion, Thursday, April 23. Fans may at that time mob her for her handsome and collectable Pussy T-shirts.

San Francisco's premiere homophile cabaret, Klubstitute, which fed Pussy to the masses, recently switched nights from Saturdays to Fridays at Brave New World at 1751 Fulton. The change allows the Popstitute clan to open their newest venue, Klubstitute East, in Berkeley at Thunder Bay on Saturdays, starting May 2. East Bay dwellers **Miss Kitty and the Clipped Out Recipes**, **Danielle "Hell" Willis**, and domestic import, **Enrique** will be featured.

The recent **Trial of Miss Uranus** at Klubstitute ended in a mistrial, falling by the wayside as a good idea poorly executed. Moments in the proceedings produced lines worthy of memorization; however, the overall cacophony of disorganization and wandering process was not of the quality expected. Both lawyers were clever, plaintiff and defendant sharp, and a few of the witnesses, notably Justin Bond, luminary.

Because the trial was unclear and painfully prolonged, ending with no decision, let alone direction, the question arises now whether **Miss Betty Pearl** can proceed with her reign as San Francisco's crown princess of nitelife, unfettered by a guilt-strewn conscience, free of repercussions and haunting memories, or whether she will collapse, a gelatinous puddle of insecurities, one more victim of the vicious Vaseline-smile beauty pageant circuit.

A surprisingly enjoyable event was **Toon Town's *UFO's Are Real*** party at the Fashion Center.

Possibly San Francisco's worst location for a party, the Fashion Center was transformed from the interior of the Love Boat into a mall with a sound system, packed with a mob of cheerful disco denizens, happily grinding their jaws. The space is bleak and impersonal, entirely lacking in charm or personality, creating an ironic setting for the party.

Those who populated the party, however, were friendly and predominantly attitude-free, perhaps attributable to the unfamiliar location, as well as to chemicals imbibed. As much as I tried to dislike *Toon Town*, I couldn't.

Toward the rear of the main floor of the building was a "Spacecraft Flea Market," perhaps so named to comfort the expected suburban culture vultures searching for validation through silly hats and smart drinks.

But even the straight people were well behaved. Spotting a pacifier dangling from my neck, an acid wash-wrapped het boy asked me my name in the debris-ridden restroom. I responded, "Deborah." He asked me how that was pronounced. I reiterated: "Deb-O-Rah." He smiled blankly, asked me if he looked fat without his shirt on, then bounced out of the bathroom. Rave on, sister. Maybe they *aren't* so bad after all.

THEATRE

Four Play

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

If Neil Simon had set out to write a gay comedy, he would have written *Four Play*. But he didn't and Michele Fisher did. Scheduled to vacate the Rhino Studio this weekend, check it out, or call for a possible extension. For a feel-good time, I urge you to see it.

Three lesbians, one straight woman, and one young man living with AIDS mix it up in four acts that reveal playwright Fisher's perception of relationships and her mastery of clever characterization and witty repartee. One-liners scatter in all directions.

Act One: *Corn Meal*

Zell: "It's a dyke-eat-dyke world.

Haley: I *wish.*"

Haley (Fontana Butterfield), a bartender with a degree in law enforcement, has invited longtime friend Zell (Janis Cosor) to an at-home dinner. She also informs her guest that she's invited a blind date for each of them. Zell is skeptical: "My self-respect is almost up to normal. Someone has to come along to bring it down again, and I think this little date you got me into just might do the trick." While waiting, they trip on some common memories and indulge themselves in such personal concerns as fear of commitment, expecting too much from another person, and resistance to the impulse to say, "I love you."

Haley defines an open relationship as someone who opens her legs the minute her lover's back is turned. Not that she's bitter... facts are facts. These are bright, mature women and they tell it like they see it.

Act Two: *Girlfriend*

Haley: "You are more butch than any lesbian I know."

Montgomery: "You dykes don't have the butch market cornered. Butch is a state of mind. Any fool can buy a leather jacket, but I can strike fear into people wearing rayon."

Haley and her heterosexual, ex-roommate Montgomery (Gina M. Fields) meet in the gym. They bitch at each other like the world's two best friends and talk sex, sex, sex. Montgomery is promiscuous and revels in it. Haley, who has been with the same woman for two weeks, says it can't be marriage because the sex is too good. "Every straight woman should have a lesbian for best friend," Montgomery muses; "companionship without the hassle."

Act Three: *Boyfriend*

Zell: "I can't get used to the idea of having a fun *and* normal relationship."

Kent: "The ultimate dyke drama is *no* drama."

Zell has come to Kent's (Eric Newton) apartment to pick him up for dinner. Kent's a nice, normal, attractive, charming homosexual that most playwrights and Hollywood screenwriters don't know exists. Tomorrow Kent will receive an award at the Gay Film Festival but tonight he and Zell are going out to dinner and then maybe drop in at Club Nausiate to watch the heteros scam on each other. They talk sex and more sex until Zell is reminded that she's hungry enough to eat his sister, to which Kent can only retort that his sister may be a lesbian, but she's not stupid.

Act Four: *Coffee Break From Reality*

Haley: "I don't know what C word you are talking about..."

Gina: "COMMITMENT! What every lesbian claims to want but when they finally get it, boy, they can't run fast enough."

Haley and Zell are in a cafe. When Zell goes to get a coffee, Haley is attacked by Gina (Caroline Gregory) who thinks she is her blind date. Gina can't decide who she is so she wears several layers of "statement" clothing, in case one of them may work out. "I'm trying to get into this retro thing but it's so hard to know what you're wearing is really retro or just plain out of style." A comedic cyclone, she touches down, creates some minor havoc in her misguided way, and is off again.

"Four Play"—a hit at Rhino Studio

Four Play. It's not *Hedda Gabbler*. It's not *A Doll's House*. It's just four funny acts with some nice people who like each other. Nina Capriola directed. Four cleverly designed canvas backdrops added considerably to the ambience. At the Rhino Studio through May 3 at 8:30. Call 861-5079.

Angel of Death

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

The Magic Theatre's Springfest opened with a world premiere of *Angel of Death* by Charlie Schulman. A burlesque skit at best (*Saturday Night Live* does this sort of thing so well in five or six minutes), this two-act black comedy has nowhere to go after the first half hour.

With rim-shot fanfare we are introduced to Gunther Ludwig, a lounge crooner in a Paraguay cabaret. "I like the Rhine in June, how about you? I like a Wagner tune, how about you?" the singer implores as though barking commands. Acknowledging cursory applause, he confides, "It's a pleasure playing for a racially pure audience," and then orders a couple at the rear out of the cabaret.

It is immediately apparent that the gaunt, sneering vocalist is really Dr. Joseph Mengele, former death camp medical practitioner whose ego has called him out of hiding. He has decided to appeal to the masses through popular music.

Playwright Schulman obviously conceived the work as a satire on media hype, the exploitation of historical events, and the public's insatiable desire for shock and schlock. His concept, however, is less engaging and far less entertaining than the sniping relationship of Gunther and his son Rolf.

Rolf arrives to advise his father that his body has been discovered and identified and that he no longer has to persist in "ziss r-r-ridiculous char-r-r-ade." But once a star, always a star, and Gunther cannot resist the potential of a broader public

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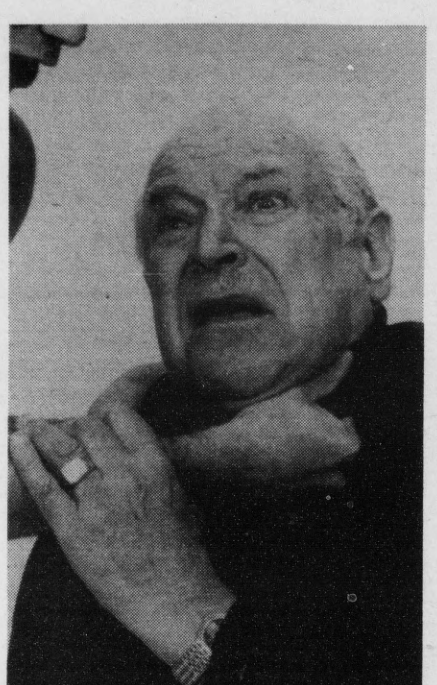


Dean Goodman is terrorized in "The Cat Dancers"

platform when two flaky filmmakers, Bill and Betty (Dan Hiatt and Amy Resnick), whisk him off to Hollywood to make a film of Mengele's life.

Promised freedom and anonymity for his cooperation, the monster in Gunther nevertheless cannot be contained. He turns in an Academy Award performance. In his Oscar acceptance speech he cannot resist revealing his true identity and delivering a chilling Nazi polemic.

The end. Unlike Mrs. Norman Main's emotionally charged speech at the end of "A Star Is Born," Gunther's tirade achieved no resolution.

Cully Fredrickson was fine as the scowling, resurrected Nazi and John Balma was superbly funny as the haughty Rolf. Neither Hiatt nor Resnick seemed to get a grip on their sketchily written roles. Their dialogue consisted of inane "industry" banter about whether their movie was a "fictiomentary" or a "dramatary." The delightful Molly Goode was the simpering blonde who made the Oscar presentation. David Dower directed.

Double Play

REVIEWED BY TOM W. KELLY

War between the generations rages at the Phoenix Theatre in Douglas Dean's *Double Play*, two one-acts produced by Theatre 2000 in association with William James. "You think being young is some kind of accomplishment," rails age. Youth counters, "People like you don't move aside to let us pass." As light and sentimental as the first show is, equally dark and foreboding is the second.

Playwright Dean lashes out with a red-hot anger tempered by bitchy repartee. His gay characters are not concerned with the angst of being gay or coming out. Instead, they are men dealing with the personal crises of newfound and lost love, as well as fear of vulnerability and betrayal.

In the lighter, bittersweet first play, *Once More Goodbye*, love alternately struggles to grow and die with dignity. David (A. Donald Cross) has turned away from his December-December relationship and embraced a January-December one. His twenty-two year old new lover, aka "candy buns" and "love boat" (Robert Harrison), has naively invited David's ex-lover (Dean Goodman) for dinner. The meatloaf hits the fan, spraying all with bitchy double entendres and outright insults, many of which are downright youth-phobic. Surprisingly, sweet young "candy buns" receives no help from his new mate when the bitter ex-lover snarls out comments like "There's less to you than meets the eye." Such a lack of support speaks as badly for the elderly lover as the rudeness does against the devilish ex. A tender and passionate scene between the two older men explains much, but ultimately excuses little.

The longer second play, *The Cat Dancers*, delves into the darker side of the human psyche, rife with paranoia, violence, and ultimately rape and more. Nothing is what it seems when the seemingly helpless Patrick (Dean Goodman) fends off an ageist intruder who seems to want revenge. Most unseemly. Mind fucking eventually turns to rape. (And adding insult to injury, the rapist accuses his victim of being a lousy lay. Now that's low.)

Reveling in the two shows' best parts (each actor is double-cast), Dean Goodman cuts loose as both mischievous ex-lover and haughty-albeit-frightened captive. If not for his distinctive countenance, the versatile actor would be unrecognizable in the two very different roles. Similarly, Robert Harrison completely transforms from lovesick nerd in *Goodbye* to violent punk in *Dancers*. And a late addition to the cast, A. Donald Cross admirably completes the line-up.

Dean Goodman directs simply, but could take more control over both the comic and dramatic performances, which seem overly forced. Opening night push? The simple sets by Cliff Reynolds and lighting by Marc Herberg give clear focus to the actors and script.

Overall, *Double Play* is an uneven night of theater, but one that provides both comedy and drama as well as perspectives on ageism, love and betrayal.

Double Play at the Phoenix Theatre, 301 Eighth Street (at Folsom) until April 26. $10. (415) 928-5598.

Margaret Cho and Mark Davis

REVIEWED BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Comics Margaret Cho and Mark Davis make up an excellent bill of fresh, locally based humor and won over the crowd in a big way. They have dissimilar styles, but share a generational outlook and a queer sensibility.

Cho is making the big move to L.A., now that she's found a job there, so we may be seeing less of her, but this twisted (Silicon) Valley Girl had a few choice words for us before she moved on. To say that Cho has a big mouth is to state the obvious. She describes herself as obnoxious and a bitch, which is nothing compared to what she says about other people.

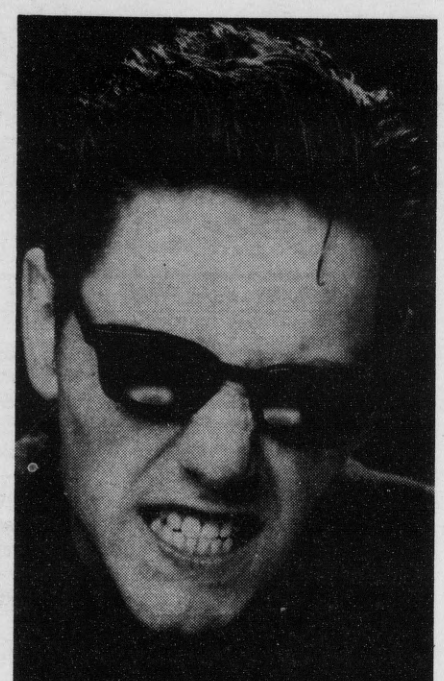
Connie Chung is a "sticky, scabby ho." Ed McMahon is one of "those people who are so physically repulsive you just can't help imagining yourself in a sexual situation with them." Chew on that for awhile.

Her mother, a traditional Korean woman with a fondness for Montgomery Ward and large vibrators, looms large in Cho's sights. Casting off her assigned role as the dutiful daughter, Cho describes spoiling a Thanksgiving get-together by getting drunk and announcing to a young cousin, "I have a girlfriend," causing Mom to drop the turkey. Cho's barbs can be a bit brattish, but she seems to have a knack for taking the sting out before it gets nasty.

Taking us through a sampling of her sexual adventures, she alights briefly on S/M. "I got fisted once," she says and then confesses, "I felt like one of the Muppets." What would Mom think?

Davis also brings his mother in for a visit, donning a wig and a glazed look to create "Mavis Davis." Mrs. Davis, just arrived from Minneapolis, professes to love those interesting, creative people who populate the Castro.

Shared memories provide the platform for Davis' humor to a large extent. He describes growing up in Centralia, Wash., and being taunted by the local rednecks as a faggot. His revenge came when he answered back. "I'm more man than you'll ever be and more woman than you'll ever have!" he cried before making a hasty escape with a lesbian friend.



Mark Davis teamed up with Margaret Cho for a night of comedy at Josie's

Davis has a gift for mimicry and a flair for recognizing the camp value in TV characters like Miss Jane Hathaway and the doctor in *Lost in Space*. He did a spot-on rendering of the theme from "Wonder Woman," and plucked someone from the audience to recreate the epic duel between Batgirl and Cat-Woman.

Having the fictional Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Cho meet was an inspired idea. They traded dishes and cooed over their offspring. Such nice, creative kids, these comics. Cho is now off to L.A. to set up a love nest with k. d. lang. Well, she says it's because of a pilot she's doing, but we know better, now don't we?

Heroes and Saints: Playwright Cherrie Moraga Presented by BRAVA! for Women in the Arts

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Under the auspices of BRAVA! for Women in the Arts and as part of the Earth Drama Lab Festival, playwright Cherrie Moraga has brought a distinctive and challenging piece of work to the stage. The play *Heroes and Saints* speaks in many tongues, and if you listen you can hear the voices of a number of cultural communities speaking their political and emotional truths through Moraga's art. Moraga is a lesbian feminist Chicana theater artist.

In *Heroes and Saints*, with its focus on the environmental degradation of the San Joaquin Valley through pesticide poisoning and the devastating cancerous effects of the chemical pollution on large numbers of Mexican Americans working the farms, Moraga has created a crossover piece of universal proportions. The play could easily speak for people from Chernobyl to Love Canal to Brownsville, Texas. The theme of *Heroes and Saints* is the political struggle to stop environmental degradation, and to stop the victimization of poor, ethnic and working-class communities through the federal government's unacknowledged policies of environmental racism. This is a powerful topic, and I believe that worldwide it could probably serve as a thematic indicator for the '90s.

The main character in *Heroes and Saints* is a head born without a body. What a perfect vehicle Moraga has found to highlight the animistic horror of a situation where people are being done in on the very level of their own genetic protoplasm and bone marrow.

The beauty of *Heroes and Saints* is that it's a good play. The characters are fully drawn and emotionally rich, the language is poetic as well as dramatic, and the metaphors work as living symbols carrying a lot of punch—and it's all strung together in a pragmatic forthright manner. The attention paid to the visceral stuff of birth and milk and blood and death, and the human need for sex, understanding and love, is brought by Moraga to some startling levels of intensity, as when the head of Cerezita is sucking the painfully flowing breasts of her sister whose baby has just died. In another scene in the play, mothers are holding up snapshots of their dead children who have died of childhood cancers. A young girl plays with her doll, tucking it into its coffin.

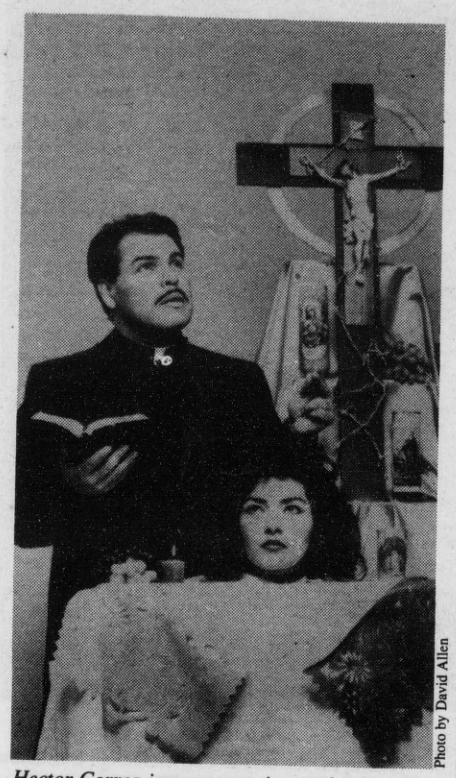
The back of the stage is lined with grape arbors arranged in rows, looking just like rows of crucifixes. In fact, as part of a ritualized political protest, and in order to elicit media attention, characters in the play whose babies have died hang the dead children onto the crosses. The technique Moraga utilizes of having an absurdly realistic TV newscaster narrate the protest from the center of the stage works ever so well. She makes the audience feel that they're watching an eyewitness broadcast on the evening news. This makes even more sense in that the play is fictionally based on real-life tragedy in the town of McFarland in the Central Valley, where from 1978-1988, a huge number of Latino farmworkers' children were born with birth defects and the town was deemed a cancer cluster. Moraga takes poetic license in dramatizing the events, but the feelings she elicits open up the lives of the stricken families on TV, bringing their struggles profoundly into our consciousness. There's solid family drama going on against the backdrop of political activism.

The Valle family consists of Cerezita, the girl born with just a head and no body; Cerezita's gay brother, Mario; the hairdresser sister who loses her baby; and the devoutly Catholic mother. The father of the family split after the humiliation of siring the deformed child, which he interpreted as a sign that he was being seen as half a man. The women of the family and the mother's friends, along with brother Mario, take care of Cerezita, and she's treated as a sibling and as a daughter. Cerezita is portrayed as strong-willed, smart, and as a sexually curious teenager who reads and watches out the window all the time. She sees everyone as they fall apart around her.

Finally, someone other than family comes into Cerezita's life in the form of the liberation priest, Father Juanito. Their relationship is odd and surreal, but emotionally convincing. He's afraid of sex and she's precocious. He's got a physical body but he's afraid to use it, and she has no body at all; but, as she says, she has her imagination, a gift for speech, and a wonderful tongue: "My tongue is my most faithful organ." Through the course of the play, she seduces him and gets from him what she needs: the illusion that she has a body and a feeling for herself as a desirable person. Gradually he feels less repulsed and embarrassed at having a body and he feels grateful that he can move around according to his own will.

Mario, the brother, is openly gay and dreams of high times, waiting to get out of the Valley and to live his own life freely and sexually. But he also feels guilty leaving the family, and he doesn't want to be like his father. He over-identifies with his mother, but finally he breaks down and screams that he's not a woman and he's not strong enough to stay or to "carry a burden heavier than his own balls." He leaves for San Francisco, which the family treats as a death sentence, as if being gay and living in San Francisco equals dying of AIDS.

The play continues with Cerezita assuming the posture of the Virgin of Guadalupe. She says she has seen the face of God and everyone cheers the miracle. The final Fellini touch comes along with the TV cameras and the head shot of Cerezita talk-



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Hector Correa is a young priest and Jaime Lujan is Cerezita, in "Heroes and Saints."

ing out to the audience about how even the perfect fruit carries the poison which courses through all our veins. She speaks of the earth as the radiant blood-red mother rising. It was a good place to end the play in a soliloquy, just before the protesters go into the fields to crucify a dead baby, with the newscaster dogging behind, waving her arms for the camera crew to follow.

Heroes and Saints was deftly directed by Albert Takazauckas, with a terrifically realized set designed by Barbara Mesney and Birch Thomas. Jaime Lujan, Hector Correa and Juanita Estrada were very well cast in the leading roles. *Heroes and Saints* runs through May 3 at the Mission Cultural Center. For tix call: (415) 695-6970.

Kron Brings All Her Hopes and Dreams to SF

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

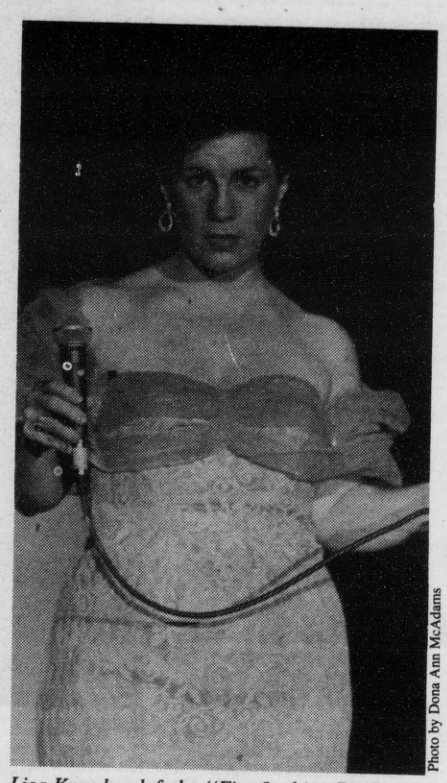
When last seen round these parts, Lisa Kron was running amok in a frumpy brown wig, clutching her blender and seeking sexual release. Back in February, Kron made her first visit to SF, performing with the New York troupe, the Five Lesbian Brothers, in an off-the-wall effort called *Voyage to Lesbos*. Now, she's returning with one of her solo works, *All My Hopes and Dreams*, for three performances at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint.

Speaking by phone from her parents' home in Lansing, Mich., where she's visiting for Passover, Kron says people can expect some similar outrageousness with her solo show. Comparing it with *Voyage*, she says, "I go to the other extreme of my femme persona." This is a voyage through her fantasies. "I contrast my image of myself with my reality."

Explaining the premise of *All My Hopes*, Kron says, "I guess everybody has fantasies. As gay people, we certainly need to have them. There are certain realities other people take for granted that are denied to us. We create lives that are meaningful, legitimate and fulfilling, even though the world does not recognize that."

Kron feels we all need role models. Hers happens to be Lola Falana. "I like to call myself the lesbian Lola Falana. I strive for the ultimate in lesbian glamour," says the star, sounding very unglamorous. "I'm a pretty casual performer. I like to have direct communication between me and the audience. It's very conversational."

In the show, Kron recalls her hideous experiences trying to fit in to legitimate (read straight) theater. As she tells it, "When I started out, I was considered a character actor, which is actually a code word for lesbian. It was not very glamorous." Her journey from theatrical also-ran to glamour girl (at least in her mind) forms the crux of *Hopes*.



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Lisa Kron has left the "Five Lesbian Brothers" behind to return to SF for 3 nights at Josie's.

Along the way, Kron fulfills a few other fantasies, among them having Jodie Foster, Martina Navratilova and Whitney Houston guest star on her version of the *Tonight Show*. Kron explains this grew out of her being a childhood insomniac who would watch her father crack up watching Johnny and the gang. This fueled her fascination with the show, and especially the idea of singing in front of a big band.

Kron promises some sleaze. "I like to strive for a certain amount of smuttiness. In the spectrum of lesbian comic circles, I wouldn't say I'm at the top. I'd like to say I'm in the running." She confesses the smuttiest part, alas, has not made the trip west. When *All My Hopes* originated in New York, Kron sang what she calls a lovely duet with her girlfriend Peggy (one of the Brothers), mentioning a fondness for "poontang."

There was also a troupe of chorus girls called the Creamettes backing her up. "They were horrible to travel with. They all had drug and alcohol problems, and were always telling me that without them I was nothing. They were like lesbian Robert Palmer girls." Should we be surprised that they evolved into the Five Lesbian Brothers?

A lot of thought goes into these shows. Kron explains, "We sit around, and we make lists and fantasize. What would you like to see on stage? What would you like to do onstage? Sex is a primary ingredient." Working with the Brothers in a collaborative mode has meant sacrificing some autonomy. She confesses, "It's really a sort of horrific strain on the ego." To say nothing of the logistics. "All of the Brothers are in therapy," says Kron. "There was only one night a week we could rehearse."

In addition to her work with the Brothers, Kron has directed Holly Hughes in *The Lady Dick* and worked at the WOW Cafe, a women's theater collective. She describes WOW as "a community for women, primarily lesbians, who—while they have political consciousness—are not particularly interested in political correctness. They come looking for a community of lesbians interested in some sort of creative expression."

If Kron sounds like a dyed-in-the-wool New Yorker, that may change. "My girlfriend is dying to move to California," she says. "Her goal is to be on *Star Trek* or to sleep with Linda Hamilton or Sigourney Weaver." Well, everybody needs a fantasy, right?

All My Hopes and Dreams plays at Josie's on April 30 at 8, May 1 at 10 and May 3 at 8. Tickets are $10. For information, call 861-7933.

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► YOUTH

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Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

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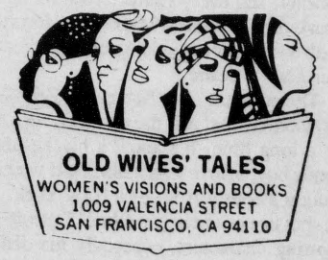

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Thurs., 4/30, 8pm—Middle East Children's Alliance staff member **Penny Rosenwasser** will join us for a slide show and talk on the conflict in the Middle East and its effects on the residents of the region. She will also be signing her new book ***Voices from a "Promised" Land: Interviews with Israeli and Palestinian Peace Activists.***

Sat., 5/2, 8pm—**Teri de la Pena** will read from her new novel ***Margins,*** a memorably real portrait of the chicana lesbian as daughter, sister, aunt, friend, writer and lover.

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FILM

Jollies

A Range of Options At the San Francisco Int'l Film Festival

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

This year's San Francisco International Film Festival features one main film of lesbian interest (although not of lesbian content): *Virgina*. It's a Yugoslavian film about a girl raised as a boy by her parents, who refuse to follow the nasty old custom of killing off one's girl-child in the event that no male progeny are born to the family. Instead, the dad teaches her how to be a man, and the mother binds her breasts after puberty. I hear there's quite a nice twist in the end, when one of the boy/girl's "uncles" reveals another hidden family secret. I did try my best to preview the film, but unfortunately the tape at the Film Society was not translated into English and well, my Serbo-Croatian is a tad bit rusty.

On the subject of gay/lesbian content (continued from Culture Bytes in the last issue): Avoid the Cuban film *Adorable Lies*; even though the heroine tries her hardest to come off as Annie Lennox Euro-hip, she's part of a cast of characters who reek from homophobia. It still surprises me that a filmmaker who has such an obvious flair for irony and who has been touted as "one of Cuba's brightest new talents" can be such an obtuse social dork.

After two weeks of previewing (with yet another to come), I have several unexpected faves which have risen like cream to the surface. I most highly recommend *Danzon*, the film from Mexican director Maria Novaro about a well-put-together 40-ish straight woman who finally comes into her sexual power with the help of a friendly old-style drag queen and some Vera Cruz prostitutes. The stylized dance scenes, along with her successful cruising spree down by the shipyard, and the ever-present fabulous romantic soundtrack, make this film hot to trot. The acting is vibrant, and every characterization hits its high mark. The celebrated Maria Rojo plays the sedate ballroom dancer who kicks off her stilettos to find her heart's desire.

The other pick is a film called *Zebrahead*. It's awesomely real and the best teen flick I've seen in a long time. It's about a blacker-than-white white boy, in love with a Black girl who is his best buddy's cousin from East New York. The film is shot in a crumbling sector of Detroit. The supporting characters, especially his dad and her mom, are too perfect to be believed. The interracial theme has never been handled as well as this, and the soundtrack scored by Taj Mahal with references from Big Band to Motown to rap is part of the plot. This is a grade-A low-budget film from a new director, Anthony Drazan.

I went to Great America in Santa Clara, and I'm converted. Nobody should ever make a nature or sci-fi film again without using IMAX 3-D technique. Even after this Film Festival is over, the Pictorium Theatre at Great America is showing the 20-minute film *The Last Buffalo* for its summer season. If you go during the Film Festival, you also get to see the larger-than-life Rolling Stones concert on the IMAX screen. *The Last Buffalo* in 3-D is virtually so real, that it's hard to control yourself and not reach out to touch the image which comes to you from the screen and whizzes right over your shoulder. The Pictorium is housed in the amusement park with the carousel and fair booths and all, and it can make for a very festive and stoned-out Saturday night date. The only drawback is the hour-or-so drive to get there and then to get back. We need more 3-D IMAX theaters closer to home.

As for Robert Altman's opening night feature, *The Player*, I was ultimately disappointed. It was too tongue-in-cheek for my taste, the in-jokes were too obvious, and there was too much repetition (i.e., the film posters commenting on the action in the film and the run-on joke about Julia Roberts and Bruce Willis). What Altman shows of Tinseltown, with its predictable tastelessness, its vacuity and its cut-throat corporate agendas, is par for the course. As they say in the trade: So what's new? The spoofing sometimes went beyond funny. The scene where Whoopi Goldberg, playing a Pasadena police chief, twirls around jumbo tampons as she interrogates the studio exec suspected of murder, was silly as well as tasteless. But I suppose that was Altman's point. The phony romantic getaway in Palm Springs was supposed to be a spoof of phony romantic. *The Player* is slick for slick's sake. The love interest is an ice-queen, and Tim Robbins plays the head prick quite well.

Along with *The Player* are two other opening night films playing simultaneously. *Passed Away* is a black comedy about extended family dynamics during the Irish wake of the Big Daddy. It's actually pretty entertaining funeral comedy. One of the jokes goes like this: The son who is at the funeral parlor pricing a coffin sees a 95-year-old dead man laid out. He says to the funeral director, "Gee, I wouldn't want to live to be that old. Who would want to live to be 95?" The director answers in deadpan: "94-year olds." *Passed Away* is exactly the kind of movie which should be made for TV. It would be the broad comedy American equivalent of BBC made-for-TV dry humor. The cast was terrific and the gay character came off quite well; he was no more nor less loony than the rest of them. *Passed Away* is really a grown-up sitcom. It's opening commercially the day after the Festival. It's a great homage to Pawtucket, R.I.

The third film which opens the Festival is *The Swordsman II*. It was made in Hong Kong by the producer/director team Tsui Haik and Ching Siu Tung, who made last year's *Chinese Ghost Story*. It's a sword-wielding magic adventure film, and it's also scheduled for commercial release.

Queer Reels At the Film Fest

I. SADIE BENNING

Still in her teens, young lesbian filmmaker Sadie Benning is having a showing of her short film, *Jollies*, at this year's S.F. International Film Festival. In 13 short minutes, *Jollies* provides a pretty sophisticated and amusing look at first sex. This experimental short has a spontaneous, fresh feel to it, with a close perspective on first sex in general, and of coming out at a young age, in particular. It has a kind of breathlessness about it (maybe that's why it's been billed alongside Godard), along with great bravado, and it definitely exhibits that quality of queer sensibility.

"Like most people," says the narrator, "I had a crush. It started in kindergarten. They were twins and I was a tomboy." A picture of the little girl twins flashes on the screen; it's a sinister kind of Diane Arbus photo. The narrator tells us that when she was 15, she had a job at a sushi bar. We see a hand submerged in a goldfish tank. The image which accompanies the story about first falling in love with another girl is that of a baby butch slapping shaving cream on her pretty, feminine face. As she's shaving it off, the camera lingers on her earrings. You get the picture. It's fun and smart, and the girl's obviously something of a lesbian phenomenon.

II. GUS VAN SANT SHORTS

Frameline's "Out on Thursday" screening program becomes "Out on Saturday" on May 2 with a program of early Gus Van Sant shorts, along with an autobiographical documentary by William Jones called *Massillon*, as in Massillon, Ohio. Both programs are being shown at the Eye Gallery at 1151 Mission St., starting at 7 pm.

If you like Van Sant's films (and who doesn't), you'll probably enjoy these four shorts with their characteristic up-in-your-face style. The street boys, dredged up in Portland, are precursor-studies for later characters in Van Sant's mature films like *Mala Noche*, *Drugstore Cowboy* and *My Own Private Idaho*. There's not too much to ponder here; what you see is what you get. It's all done in quick shots, and the titles express the sentiments: *Five Ways to Kill Yourself*, *Ken Gets Out of Jail*, *Switzerland* and *My New Friend*. The guy behind the camera is wry, and the subjects returning answers to his questions are nothing but themselves.

III. MASSILLON

This is a personally narrated film which has a hypnotic way of putting you under its spell as you sit and drift on the images moving across the screen. While the landscapes, bridges, highways and industrial pits move laconically in front of your eyes, the narrator speaks about Massillon, Ohio, and about his childhood as a budding sodomite. It's a coming-out, growing-up and becoming politically aware story which actually creates the effect of reading a novel. We hear the details in the narrator's voice, and our minds reconstruct the visual images and feelings he is conveying, overlaying the mind pictures onto the rolling and changing landscapes on the screen.

It's never boring, even when it's slow, and the mind images feel so alive that if the filmmaker, William Jones, had put the picture directly on the screen, it wouldn't have added anything significantly new. In fact, pictures or films or photos often sabotage the creative process of imagining. As Jones pointed out at the start of the film, memories are manipulated. He shows us some home movies his father shot on a family trip to Niagara Falls. These home movies have become the sole repository of memories elicited by that trip. The particular details have become gridlocked forever, obliterating all other possible channels of access to the experience of that time.

Early references to homosexuality are brought up in remembered bits and pieces, as when the narrator's best friend in Junior High School told him that homosexuality caused the fall of the Roman Empire. When the narrator expressed some doubt (thus exhibiting possible homosexual sympathies), the friend dropped him like a hot potato. The narrator/author speaks in the voices of his past, using pre-teen phrases like "he told me he had tried everything"—and then he analyzes the phrases as he did then, "I wondered (but didn't ask) what *everything* meant."

His first same-sex experience in a rest stop on a highway is vividly and innocently narrated, and this key episode launches us directly into the mind of the film, which is a highly original and frightening look at American persecution of homosexuals, and the legal and scientific hypotheses which are still used as forms of punishment.

Anyway, the film continues, and it becomes an important vehicle for examining the laws against homosexuality starting with the first conviction under state law in 1631 in England. Of course the Inquisition didn't need anything but their own ecclesiastical "natural" laws to burn the witches and faggots, the buggers, before then. In America today, 25 states criminalize consenting same-sex between adults. In Idaho, for purely political reasons, as late as 1955, a man received a life-term prison sentence on moral charges of sodomy. Makes one shudder. From church to state to science—which has proven to be as much a tool of oppression as a tool of understanding "homosexuality"—the law has rarely been on our side. Jones takes us on a strangely absorbing trip through cultural history, his and our own gay history which has mostly been used against us and seen as a crime against procreation, as the cardinal crime against nature.

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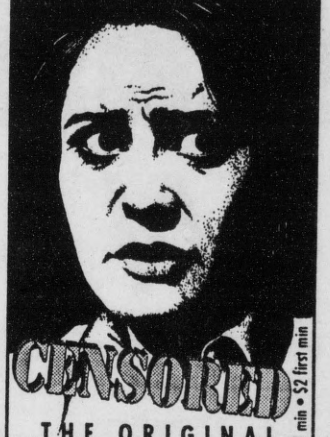

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Uncle Ed...

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he had disclosed that he had HIV, they wouldn't have engaged in activity with him."

It stands to be seen if the case sells in state court, especially in light of the minimal risk of oral sex and the testimony of AIDS authorities like Gold that safe sex is everyone's responsibility. Will ignorance of AIDS be a legitimate defense here? And what about the neglect of the Catholic Church in educating these kids?

The questions raised by the Savitz case could be with us for a long time.

HUSTLERS OR ANGELS?

Finally, depending on who you believe, the "victims" in this situation are either hustlers who knew they had a good mark, or innocent school boys out for a thrill or a quick buck. Some might even be gay, something no one except AIDS activist Tucker has considered.

Tucker also points to sexism as an explanation for the way the case has been viewed. "If the 15- to 19-year-olds were girls, the public and the press would have been more eager to label, dismiss or arrest them as prostitutes.

"Because it's the sacred assholes of young American males," Tucker continues, "there's the fear that he's gonna make them into little women and infect them with HIV." But Tucker characterizes these teens as "urban boys with lots of clients and partners. Some are shooting drugs no doubt." He quotes ACT UP member Lois Lax as quipping: "How do you spell 'Catholic school boys?' H-U-S-T-L-E-R-S."

Wittels describes the teens as "willing buyers and sellers." He adds, "Nobody did anything they didn't want to do." Wittels says his client made it clear "they didn't have to do anything they didn't want to do. If anybody was used, it was him. If anybody was preyed upon, it was him."

Even the dailies, after the initial honeymoon with the teens, began describing how they sold themselves or their wares for drugs or six-packs. What emerges finally is a picture of boys who are a far cry from the innocent victims of earlier copy. And before one assumes that the case demonstrates the moral collapse of post-'60s society, consider the fact that older brothers and fathers of the teens also visited "Uncle Ed."

Whatever else is said, how innocent can a teen be if he willingly submits to a blowjob for money to buy a nickel bag or a six pack?

Not exactly the stuff of *Les Miz*, for chrissakes.

THE PERSONALS

WOMEN

It's Your Move!!
Attractive, together, multifaceted professional, 58 yrs. with lots of energy and many interests, including dining out, sailing, movies, candlelight dinners, travel and wine tasting. Seeks down-to-earth adventuresome women for dating or fun times. Strong but soft-hearted gal values a sense of humor, honesty and kind spirit. Please, no smokers or pet owners. Take the plunge and call or write. Reply BT Box AP2A or call ★★7030.

Vibrant, Energetic, Positive, Passionate
best describes this mid-30s Black lesbian, clean/sober, independent, affectionate, very much alive, and actively pursuing my dreams. Looking for open-minded, nonracist, culturally aware white lesbians for dating, and possibly more (though content to take my time). Seeking 30+ women who dream BIG and are really LIVING. Turn-offs: S/M, negativity, smokers. Turn-ons: dancers, positivity, go-for-it attitude! Reply BT Box AP3A or call ★★7031.

Soulmate
Your ad appeared in the 2/13/92 BT. I was skiing in Canada and returned too late to answer. Say it's not too late. Marin. Call ★★7032.

I'd Like To Treat You Special
29 y.o. motivated yet spontaneous. I like reading, movies, dancing and coffee shops. I am feminine and look for same 25-35 y.o. NS. I appreciate a sense of humor, intelligence and individuality. I would someday like to skydive and do river rafting. I enjoy roller coasters, learning languages and foreign lands. I am new to Santa Clara and am open to meeting new friends, possibly leading to something special. Call and let's talk. Call ★★7033.

Gentle, Down-To-Earth, Versatile
Unique, healthy, attractive, intelligent, somewhat reserved woman (35, 5'9", bn/gn, fit), looking for mature, very independent, emotionally healthy, sensuous, monogamous, quality woman (35+) to share the delights of mutual compatibility and connection. Friendship first. Interests: current events, astrology, media, tennis, sports generally, reading (nonfiction, mysteries, erotica, occasional trash!), classical/pop music, feminist tendencies (not PC), comedy, companionable silences, friends and family. Please know how to simply ask for what you want (no games) and enjoy giving as well as receiving. Irreverant humor and subtle perceptions appreciated. Sexy eyes, tolerant views, compassion and emotional generosity a must. Reply BT Box AP4A or call ★★7034.

That Which I Seek Is Seeking Me, Soulmates—Where Are You?
That which belongs to me will come to me. Since it is my desire that only good, truth, love, wisdom and power shall go from me, I know this is all that can come back to me. My interests are going to a health center to exercise three days a week, going to metaphysical healing centers three days a week. I will be working as a part-time babysitter two days a week. I'm looking for clean and sober, nonsmoking women for close relationships. Reply BT Box AP5A or call ★★7035.

April Fools
will fashion-tailor their consciences & slave to pay war taxes & S&Ls. I don't. "I do" take another single, lovely and gallant lesbian to become my mate and afford the best things in life which are free & creative, while being health-intelligent, non-abusive; with humor & staying power to gradually surrender our heights and depths in strolling & pettings' embraces and dream poems. Reply BT Box AP6A or call ★★7036.

I'm Excited By...
energetic, warm-hearted women with depth, integrity, great senses of humor and diverse interests. SF Jewish lesbian, 47, seeks intelligent, fun-loving SF woman, late 30's to mid-50's for lasting romance and companionship. If you're someone, who, like myself, makes time to play, is emotionally available, communicates honestly and directly, is affectionate, articulate, educated, financially stable, actively working on your growth, and has no furry pets, please call. I'm a nonsmoking mental-health professional — open, caring, funny, emotionally intense but sane, and ready to fall for the right woman. Physically, I'm cute — blond, zaftig, 5'4" and somewhat femme. Things we might enjoy together include — live music (jazz, symphony, blues, C&W), theater, films, museums, GG Park, weekend trips, restaurants, dance and dancing, nature, closeness with friends, and last but not least, hot, adventurous sex. Call ★★7037.

Quality Friendships Sought
for adventure, belly laughs and conversation. I care about people and this world we live in. I'm funny, energetic, communicative, educated, professional, creative, athletic, 35, and have eclectic interests. I'm looking for warm, communicative friends who share a passion for living, learning and adventure, yet are stable, independent and realistic enough to make their way through the mazes of life successfully, and are 32-38 years old. Reply BT Box AP7A or call ★★7038.

Strong, Quiet And Loving
Three words I would use to describe myself... they describe you as well. In fact, we have some other things in common: we love the outdoors (forest or sea), the joys of privacy, reading, cooking, time with longtime friends and have an interest in travel. Most importantly, we are one-woman women. Also, we are over 40, more or less average in size and appealing to the eye. Call ★★7039.

Nice Country Butch Wanted
by 38 y.o. middle-class white femme who is most at peace in mud boots in a barn but can also nearly obtain nirvana on the ballroom dance floor — and looks great on your arm. I'm looking for a handsome, hot, friendly, outdoorsy, strong, smart, funny, ethical, financially stable, leftist/feminist butch who doesn't smoke, drinks some (or not), and may want to indulge in loving life's simple pleasures and maybe some not so simple. Spanish speakers/Latinas a plus. Let's hike and chat. Call ★★7040.

Light My Fire
I'm a 34-year-old, playful, attractive, sensual and secure professional. I enjoy outdoors, bicycling, kayaking, diving, hiking and travel. I work hard during the week and love to escape the city on the weekends. I'm looking for someone who knows herself and possesses an open heart, good sense of humor, and the flame to light my fire. Beautiful eyes and warm smiles make my toes tingle. Nonsmoker. Do the two step... Call and tantalize me with your voice and then write and tell me more about yourself. Reply BT Box AP8A or call ★★7041.

Horny Energetic Top
30 y.o. butch seeks femme or butch bottom who can go all night long. You can trust me—play out your fantasies with me and I'll reveal a few to you. Primarily interested in hot, prolonged sex, but open to whatever develops naturally. Big women encouraged to call. Reply BT Box AP9A or call ★★7042.

Lusting For Love
and great sex. Any age, I'm 29 and encourage sensual older women. Any race. Any color. Be compassionate, beautiful, fun and funny. Me: Leo with lots of Sag., huge: heart, mind and body. Huge life! Love travel and animals. No smokers, drinkers, druggies, TV addicts, fatphobics, S/M or women on psychotropic drugs. Searching for more than just friends. Call ★★7043.

Northern Exposure
30-year-old professional seeking northern exposure to intelligent, educated, ambitious women who believe a sense of humor is a religion unto itself. My planetary interests include law, movies, racquetball, gourmet cooking, nonfiction, flea markets and Woody Allen-type discussions over too much coffee. Not necessarily looking for Ms. Right or Ms. Right Now. I am looking for a pool of new friends. Thus, my requirements are that you be alive. All others considered on a case-by-case basis (no smokers). Call ★★7044.

Brainy Actress
Attractive, intelligent, emotionally balanced and available (I've done time in therapy!) actress seeks androgyne with similar characteristics. Please be physically fit, nonsmoker, no drugs, and spiritually curious/rich/centered. I like to go to women's sports events, readings (poetry and otherwise) and intelligent movies. If you like long, challenging conversations, as well as spontaneity and fun, give me a call! Pluses: dancing, U.U. Church, outgoing, love nature. Call ★★7046.

Romance Awaits You In Marin...
Interested in friendship first... then who knows? Are you a romantic, sensitive, honest, passionate, 5'2" feminine fit woman in your mid to late 30s? Are you able to give as well as receive? Would you like to explore beaches, share funny stories, cuddle by a crackling fire? Not my only pastimes. I'm attractive on the androgynous side—ready to meet emotionally mature women—not into games or sports—unless it is board games and dancing! Reply BT Box AP11A or call ★★7045.

Looking For Me???
28 y.o. looking for friendships that could possibly lead to more! If you are between 26 and 34, fun, adventurous, spontaneous, have a great sense of humor—keep reading. If you enjoy soul-searching conversations as well as general BS—are into hiking and rafting as well as movies and plays, we could be great friends. If you're not into games or roles, we could be more!! Interested?? I'd love to hear from you. Reply BT Box AP13A or call ★★7048.

Marin Women
... where are you??? I see you at Living Foods, etc.—we check each other out, but how can we connect? I'm needing some new friends for dancing, dining, camping, skiing, bicycling, motorcycling, movies, good, direct, honest conversation, and especially laughter. How about trying parachuting or bungie jumping with me? I'll try your adventures too! I'll cross bridges for reliable friends in other Bay areas, also. Come laugh with me! Reply BT Box AP14A or call ★★7049.

Cleaning House
GWF, 31, losing weight, fat, shy, taking charge of my life for the first time. Beginner with ACA, searching for my higher power, seeking friendships with others with similar interests and life challenges. Interests include walking in 5k's Stephen King, Anne Rice, John Bradshaw, walks on the beach, cats, horses, photography, intimate talks. Just left a relationship and am currently not seeking a sexual relationship, cuddling and hugs are allowed, willing to let fate take its course if I am lucky enough to meet the right woman. Call ★★7050.

Make Me Cry
I'm a cute, tall, fat bottom girl who wants a big bad butch top to bend over for. I need a skilled, compassionate sadist with a creative, perverse mind who loves to make big girls tremble. I'm experienced, but I can still blush. Let's pretend I'm a 15-year-old virgin and you're a lecherous priest ready to hear my confessions of impure thoughts. What's your favorite sin? Reply BT Box AP16A or call ★★7051.

Scared Y'all Last Time...
but I'll try again. Pansexual with dyke rising, multiple personality (the fun psychosis) dreadlocked Kali-worshipper deadicated anarchist, mother, and generally crazy wench seeks womyn to put/keep up with me. Habits: smoking various herbs, heavy transcendental S/M, Rocky Horror polyfidelity, and giving tourists reasons to cross the street and take pictures for the folks at home; "Look Mabel! It's one of them freaks we heard about!" Reply BT Box AP17A or call ★★7052.

It's Spring!
Can you feel it too? I'm a young lesbian film student into fun, friendship and other springtime activities. Would you like to meet down-to-earth dykes who have respect for youth or are young themselves, are active, creative, and independent? Be goofy too, and know how to laugh. Women who play acoustic guitar are wonderful, I think. Call ★★7053.

"Untitled"
Big, beautiful Filipina dyke photographer in late 20s seeks other Filipinas for friendship and support, as well as anyone else who is openhearted and interesting. Artists/dreamers welcome. Call ★★7054.

Lead Me!
I work too hard and lead too much by day. I adore androgynous and butch women (soft or otherwise), and I'm looking to throw my neck back, laugh and follow you on the dance floor. Friends describe me as intense, independent and femme (androgynous?). You are 30–40 and would get a thrill from teaching me to two-step or learning with me. Smoking, drinking and drugs bore me. But if you're energetic, smart, painfully honest, self-conscious but not self-absorbed, passionate about justice and believe that laughter is food for the soul, maybe we'll do more than dance. Reply BT Box AP18A or call ★★7055.

A Romp In The Hay—Or A Journey
Brown-haired, blue-eyed, Sagittarian, Southern lesbian, 26, kinda shy but not painfully so, softhearted, real, unemployed, ecologically conscious, light drinker, no drugs, light smoker, seeks intelligent, open-minded, progressive, sexy, high-energy woman. Am interested in possible long-term relationship with the right match. Please no heavy drinkers, druggies, or glamour fascists. Enjoy hiking, swimming, dancing, music, multicultural events, free plays, people watching, reading, sleeping, laughing, travel. Reply BT Box AP19A or call ★★7056.

Touch My Nerve
30-year-old femme tomboy seeks mature woman of my own age or up to share unlimited pleasures with. I do believe in long-term monogamous relationships, but I also do know that it takes compatibility, time and patience between the two of us to reach that higher level. I will give you some facts about myself and hope that you will recognize some or most of them: very cute, blue eyes and blond hair, ambitious, financially independent, intelligent, fabulous lover, loyal friend, funny, honest and constantly working on my personal growth—in all modesty... Favorite activities: anything adventurous in nature (please read between the lines). Get dressed for a nice dinner—any food goes. Sports include racquetball, swimming, skiing, but I am athletic and you can talk me into anything. Laugh and cry at the movies, long slow dances and kisses are fundamental for romance, but together we can be creative without limits. Where do I want to be in ten years? Sucking oysters in the sunset after a long day on the beach with you and your dogs. I would love to get a letter from you who feel excited by now, or you can leave a message and I will get right back to you. Reply BT Box AP22A or call ★★7057.

Mostly Veggietarian
Goddess, forthright, young 50, tall, kind, survivor, generous nature, gentle creative lover, love power of holistic health, animal/human rights, breezes, grass, high energy, laughter. You somewhat similar, giver in bed, good communicator, somewhat sane, in touch, gentle, caring, special. Reply BT Box AP23A or call ★★7058.

Good Time Goddess
I'm looking for self-aware, honest, communicative, growth-oriented women with healthy boundaries for dating, fun, silliness, cuddling, palling around, camping, dancing and eventually, hot sex. I need a balance between steamy passion and emotional safety. You should be emotionally available, heart centered, risk taker. I'm: aggressive femme, fleshy, voluptuous, forty-ish, eccentric, steam heated (fire and water), sensual, witty, pagan, artistic, Oaklander. Prefer former Midwesterners/Easterners. Open to all sizes, ethnicities, species (*love* bearish or felinesque people). Reply BT Box AP24A or call ★★7059.

Where'd You Go?
After the Cinderella Classic? We rode the last 5 miles together and then you disappeared while I was on the massage table. I was hoping we might at least ride together again. And so, in true Cinderella fashion, I seek you this way. Hoping you call—Red Trek. Call ★★7061.

Are You My New Friend?
I spent years healing and learning to love myself. It made me very strong and allowed me to be open and in the present (well, mostly). I am an artist, craftswoman and my work is exciting and grounding for me. I love to be out in nature. Hiking and birding are a "must" for me. I'm looking for a friend 35-45, playful, spirited, who knows herself and asks for what she wants. Is that you? Reply BT Box AP25A or call ★★7060.

Am I The Only One...
that lives north of the Golden Gate, is responsible, pretty, fun and enjoys the finer things that life can bring? This 30-year-old professional enjoys dancing, water and snow skiing, reading, dining in and out, weekend getaways, fine wines and roaring fires to snuggle up to. If you think you can fit into my lifestyle, give me a call and we can chat for awhile. Reply BT Box AP26A or call ★★7062.

"We Met At Club Q"
We met shooting pool at Club Q on March 20. You hadn't played for a year and a half but were great anyway. You said that I have the same name as the woman who helped you become such a good shot. I wanted to ask for your phone number, but you left with two friends while I was still gathering my courage. Would you like to have coffee sometime? Call ★★7063.

Things That Stil Make You Go Hmmm...!?
Cute, creative, independent, down-to-earth, petite, teacher (28) seeks interesting, healthy, nonsmoker (25–35) to explore the wonders of life, laughter and intimacy. Let's go dancin', camping or to live performances. Let's have breakfast at that "great little cafe" and share creative thoughts/ideas, or enjoy romantic dinners and revel in each other's dreams/desires. Hmm... Yeah... write BT Box AP27A or call ★★7064.

Let Me Get To Know You!
I'm 35, cute, fun, creative, love art and music, and have a great sense of humor. You are between 25 and 40, intelligent, self-confident, and able to be spontaneous as well as intimate. Honesty and emotional maturity are important. Please, no heavy smokers. Reply BT Box AP29A or call ★★7065.

Visual Artist
Looking for someone to appreciate some of my finer Southern points of interest—spicy sweet, shy, strong, energetic, easygoing, honest, good natured to downright fun with a slight accent to boot. If you love life, the wind, sand and stars, unexplored territories, being teased you howl and long slow rides—well let's just say this lonesome coyote likes to run till she can fly. Warning: extremely boyish, 5'8", athletic and part Native. Reply BT Box AP30A or call ★★7066.

Many Possibilities Here
Looking for honest, spiritual, fun-loving, sensuous, sexy, feminine women who: love nature, and music, to be active, to dance, hike, bike, swim, work out, are interested in different cultures; to share these, and/or other activities, for possible platonic friendships, or sensual/

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romantic/or erotic friendships, or more? I am: affectionate, love to laugh, to dance (especially salsa!), very sensuous, single, thoughtful, creative, attractive. Reply BT Box AP31A or call ★★7067.

Part Cynic, Part Pollyanna
Part grouch, part nice, shy, fun-loving person seeks reasonably sane and fun lesbians with which to run up my phone bill and maybe meet for coffee, a movie or a hike? I'm in my mid-30's, live on the Peninsula and enjoy meeting and getting to know people. If romance beckons, so much the better (but I'm not holding my breath!) If you're in your mid-20's to early 40's, nonsmoking, possess a lively sense of humor and the courage to answer an ad, give me a call! Reply BT Box AP32A or call ★★7068.

I Can't Believe I Did This!
I'm extroverted introvert, new to personals. Oaklander, 41, professional, dress down, barely butch, independent. Like mysteries, car trips, Yosemite, Oregon. Prefer sense of humor, cooks, gardeners, butchy femmes, rookie 2-stepper, good audience. Not seeking perfectly grounded goddess—being human myself, looking for same. Have two huge cats, one small house, want to play and see what else. Come on, be brave. Call ★★7295.

I Deserve A Daddy
This daddy's little girl is 22, politically aware, firm bodied (although *very* curvy) and would *love* a top or switch to play with—mutual respect mandatory. I do leather (black), 501s (faded), engineer boots and trashy lingerie. You should be a strong butch, quick-witted and pack a big dick. I like rough sex, forced submission and discipline scenes... femme drag considered for the right daddy. Boxholder, 2215-R Market St., #485, SF 94114 or call ★★7296.

Dept. Of Asian Affairs
"Married" GWF with a passion for Asian women seeks daytime dissipation with golden girl(s). I am: androgynous in a handsome/pretty way, 5'4", 125 lbs., blue hell in the sheets, and partial to long hair. Leave a msg. and let's see if any chemistry develops. Call ★★7297.

This Cynical Bitch Wants Someone Rich
I'm 31 yo, 5'6", 160 lbs., with long, dark, blond hair and dimples—guess which cheeks. This SF resident's into skimming all lifestyles, laughter, pharmaceutical wonders and Jerry. Our shared interests might include concerts, dinner out, limo lust, hot tubs, hot endless sex for homemade movies—you provide the camera, I provide the camera womyn. My rich submissive husband must give massage, as well as other pleasures. My bodacious ta-ta's await your leather-clad grasp. Your best investment EVER! Call ★★7298.

Someone To Do Nothing With
After the theater, symphony, European vacations, LA business trips, graduate degrees, promotions, publications, parties, movies, ballets, camping, the gym, the meetings, dinners and functions, dancing, researching, speaking, volunteering, adventuring, exploring, developing, creating, discussing, bike riding, hiking, book shopping, hot tubbing... after a very full day in your very happy life, if you find yourself longing for a lazy afternoon in a quiet, sunny place, perhaps we can do nothing about it. PO Box 31408, SF 94131.

Peruvian Looking For A Mexican American
I have been living in Oakland for the past 20 years and I have been among Mexican Americans all the time. I am thirty something. I like going for walks, movies, dancing, out to eat. Sorry, I don't like pets, smoke or heavy drinking. If you are thirty something, give me a call. I also get along very well with Mexicans that have been here for a long time, like me. Call ★★7299.

Sparkling Eyes
Bright, attractive, East Bay Aries, 45, loves beautiful smiles, sports, musical salons, smart, attractive, kind women, spirituality with a sense of humor. You are outgoing, communicative, wholesome, ethical, open, thoughtful, tolerant, close to family and friends, irreverent, healthy, creative, passionate, love to read, write and learn, musical, athletic, full of dreams. Love classical/Broadway music? Cats? In East Bay/Marin? Spiritual warrior? Brave and bold? Let's connect! Reply BT Box AP1B or call ★★7300.

I Love Women
I will court you, romance you and be the kindest, warmest woman you have ever met. Attractive, 34 y.o., 5'10", brunette Capricorn is looking for an attractive, normal weight, 30–45 y.o. woman who is more on the fem-looking side, like myself. Looking to date and eventual long-term relationship. I'm intelligent, mature, love to snuggle, have a great sense of humor, fantastic kisser, easy to talk to and one of a kind! Reply BT Box AP2B or call ★★7301.

Good Love
I love: Folk Rock, weekend trips, rabbits, vigorous walking, adventurous sex, butch women, heated discussion, lasting romance, stimulating companionship, all dancing, live theater, poetry, carbohydrates, Annie Hall, NPR. I am: autonomous, a dedicated lesbian/femdyke, curious, flexible, broad-minded, single, self-aware, Jewish, often intellectual, occasionally political, kinky, outgoing, introspective, recovering, employed, computer literate, attractive, tall, humorous, sometimes lonely (especially on Sundays). How about you? Reply BT Box AP3B or call ★★7302.

Attractive Brunette Femme
GWF, 5'6", slender green/brown eyes, N/S, clean/sober 10 years, active, fit, educated, adventurous, fun, thrill seeker, risk taker, nudist, snow ski, bicycle, water ski, run, hike, dance (2-step), movies, sail, explore city, roller coasters, Thai food, sushi, affectionate, loving, happy, spiritual, love kissing, cuddling, massage, long sex-filled mornings (and evenings), want long-term relationship/romance/playmate. Photo appreciated, PO Box 160164, Cupertino 95016. Call ★★7303.

I Like To Be Stimulated... (Bet You Think This Is A Sex Ad)
...And, these are some of the things that stimulate me... friendship, Osento, Audre Lorde, Alice Walker, jazz, laughter, open-mindedness, good listeners, diversity, theater, kindheartedness, sincerity, tearjerkers, health consciousness, Andreas Vollenweider, beaches, Le' Mediterrne, intelligence, Toni Childs, androgyny, sensitivity, spontaneity, racial awareness, and womyn!! I'd love to hear from you if you can relate. Reply BT Box AP4B or call ★★7304.

Things That Make Me Go Hmmm...
Intelligence (or signs thereof); irreverent wit (or a good sense of humor); social consciousness *(not* political correctness); outgoing, friendly, nonsmokers, late 30s to early 50s who enjoy travel (Reno—Morocco); music (Heavy D & The Boyz—Mozart); "good" food (Beeps—Chez Panisse); wine, women and... Reply BT Box AP5B or call ★★7305.

Need Some Human Touch
OK, this is how it goes. You respond to the ad. We meet, talk, and we like each other. We go to the movies, sit in the back and... Got your attention? Me, I'm 30, woman of color, athletic and caring. I'm not into butch women, S&M or smokers. You are physically fit and active, any race, and looking for that human touch. Call ★★7306.

Ready To Take A Risk
I have been single for over two years and I know what I want in a relationship. I want a woman who: is caring, supportive, nurturing, honest, emotionally available; enjoys open displays of affection and lots of physical contact, playing and having fun, a sense of humor, exploring life; has a healthy respect for her body and good self-esteem; values commitment, monogamy, communication. Someone who appreciates intimacy prior to being sexually intimate. My nonnegotiable areas are: must be a nonsmoker, nonuser, lite-to-nondrinker, recovery minded. I am tall, blond, attractive, slender with the aforementioned characteristics. Interested? Reply BT Box AP6B or call ★★7307.

Let's Have Fun
39 y.o., good-humored, attractive lesbian looking for androgynous and butch women. Intelligent, mature, honest, secure, affectionate and adventurous. Some of my varied interests include the beach, desert, the snow, traveling, camping, boating, fishing, dining, parties, theaters, museums, conversation, movies and laughing. Alcohol occasionally, no drugs or cigs. Please call ★★7308.

Voluptuous Blond Butch
Part comedienne, dolphin, musician and philosopher, wishes to meet you: nonsmoking woman, 35 to 50, who wants to live now in this future-oriented world. Do you enjoy devilment and fun? The sardonic? I want to look into your eyes (but not like a vampire). Care to try boogie-boarding? Call me. Write. East Bay preferred, but not necessary. Reply BT Box AP7B or call ★★7309.

Searching For Tchewata
I don't consider myself run-of-the-mill and neither do my friends. Working on my teaching credential has kept me intensely busy and I have neglected a most important part of my life. I am 29, 5'1", 100 lbs. with blue eyes and bl/br hair and Irish. I respect consciousness, clarity and enthusiasm in all people as well as someone who understands their own culture, both past and present. Reading, films, lithography and African dance are few of my favorite things. If any of the above interests you, please write me. Indian, African and African-American women are strongly encouraged to reply. Reply BT Box AP8B.

Unique
creative, attractive butch, self-respect, emotionally healthy, mentally aware, dignity, humanitarian views, spontaneous, diverse interests, secure. If these qualities appeal to you and you're 30–40, leaning to femme, not too tall, let's begin as friends. Things I enjoy: theater, dining, camping, traveling, walks in the moonlight, reading poetry, giving flowers and stuffed animals, women in lingerie. Call ★★7310.

Afrocentric Butch?
Femme, 43, mom, 12-stepper, fin. stable, politically conscious feminist, seeks butch 40+, ov. 5'6", confident, fin. stable, independent, loving and strong! Must be communicative, a grown-up working on inner growth, aware of family-of-origin dynamics. No addicts please. I believe that healthy relationships are a process that does not begin with sex. But you must enjoy sex, male children, travel and life in general. I'm looking for a fun-loving person. Call ★★7311.

Slightly Punk Southern Butch Belle
Photographer/videographer seeks fun and humorous women with lots of creative and playful energy to run wild on the beach with or around town on motorcycles exploring new places and maybe making some images too. I like women with good Southern sensibilities: open, warm, friendly, strong willed and independent. Maybe we can start an artist/biker girl gang—raise a little harmless hell and have a good time. Reply BT Box AP9B or call ★★7312.

I Adore The Flesh
and am looking for a real woman to share the pleasures of the mind, heart and body. BiWF, 25, Taurus, feminine, strong, happy, witty, erudite, sensual, goofy, affectionate, ISO similar Bi/GF for laughter, city/country walks, readings, cooking, dance performances, dancing, Osento, museums, rollerblading (novice), movies, hanging out, and other earthly delights. Occasional drinkers and light smokers OK. No drugs please. Reply BT Box AP10B or call ★★7313.

I Am Ready, Betty
I am ready for a Jewish (not a necessity) lesbian, femme side, left of center, who is ready to share the luscious feeling of being incredibly lucky to be alive right this second who is also willing to share the horrors of our 20th century society. Educated, wild sense of humor, CARPE DIEM! I am white, 39, full figured, sweet natured. Wanna date? Send replies to PO Box 251, Sunol 94586 or call ★★7314.

Dynamite Woman Seeks Match
Exuberant, exciting, androgynous youthing, 54, very feeling, communicative individualist, seeks counterpart for lifetime of loving or playmate for lovemaking. Helping professional has a bright mind, social conscience and genuine openness. Hiker, bodybuilder, rafter loves bold adventuring, healthy living and joyful aliveness. Prefer slender figure or muscular butch with a great ego and sex appeal. Close to San Francisco. Call ★★7315.

Tennis Anyone?
Tennis partner (30s, 40s, 50s) sought for on/off court antics. Be fair, friendly, and/or fascinating, and let's have fun. Reply BT Box AP11B or call ★★7316.

Men Don't Make Passes At Girls Who Wear Glasses...
But I do! Voluptuous, off-of-center, aesthetically-oriented, lipstick-wearing 30 y.o. strawberry blond with eclectic tastes (DADA, motorcycles, Anouk Aimee, The Smiths, Film Classics, Star Trek TNG, Rachmaninoff, etc.), seeks tea and/or intimacy with emotionally and spiritually mature, witty, wild and sensitive 25–45 y.o. with avant-garde bent and striking personality. PA-LEEZ be drug/nicotine free, light alcohol only. Aquiline noses under bold, manly specs a plus, but all adventurous souls welcome! Call ★★7317.

Dykes For Madonna
Are you ready to justify your love for Madonna? At this Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade you can by joining the "Dykes for Madonna" contingency. Sound system and go-go dancers will add to this second annual contingency. You need not be a look-alike to join! Get into the groove and call now. You need only to be a wild Madonna admirer with enthusiasm. Dykes only. Call ★★7318.

Definitely Seeking Contusions
Recovering tattoo obssesive looking for pierced and sober queer nationalist to push the limits of gender identification while outing Jodie Foster to the alternative press. I am into safe, moderate self-mutilation and testing the tolerance of liberal voters. You should be cleanshaven and able to set off a metal detector during a strip search. Serious in-your-face attitude a must. No G-Spot disco slaves or "Victoria's Secret" vanilla types. Interested? Sorry, I only surrender to a higher power.

Bi
BISEXUAL

East Bay Fun
Handsome, masculine light Black male, 6'2", 200 lbs., young 45, well educated, professional, humorous, trustworthy, dependable, discreet, seeks 25–45 yrs. Asian, African-American or Hispanic friend for travel, conversations, movies, dining out or in, exploring and hot safe fun. Nonsmokers only. Reply BT Box AP300A or call ★★7120.

Don't Fence Me In
Handsome, gym-toned 6'2" Tall American Bi Cowboy seeks adventurous bi fem with harness to ride the 'sigh' country on rainy afternoons — or not. Let's get lost in a champagne mist and probe the interstellar mysteries of the Big 'O'. After all, what is life without dreams? This sweet boy is safe at any speed. Reply: 5337 College Ave., Suite 447, Oakland 94618 or call ★★7121.

Dear Adventurer:
I windsurf, ski, snowboard, sail, adventure travel, and more. I have brains, looks, an enthusiastic attitude toward life, and a driven fascination with

Dykes To Watch Out For

THE FUNDAMENTAL THINGS APPLY...
As Time Goes By...
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FINALLY FACE TO FACE WITH HER PASSIONATE PEN PAL, GINGER CHOKES!
6:05
SO. HERE'S OUR OPTIONS FOR TONIGHT. WE'LL GO HAVE DINNER FOR STARTERS, THEN SEE A MOVIE - HERE'S THE LISTINGS - OR THERE'S AN AFRICAN DANCE TROUPE IN TOWN, OR WE COULD GO TO THIS PLAY AT THE UNIVERSITY. THEN AFTER THAT WE CAN GO OUT DANCING, OR ELSE TO A PARTY SOME FRIENDS ARE HAVING. WHATEVER YOU PREFER.
CAN I GO TO THE BATHROOM FIRST?
6:47
YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS MUCH BETTER THAN RUNNING ALL OVER TOWN. D'YOU PLAY SCRABBLE? OR MAYBE THERE'S AN OLD MOVIE ON CABLE. WE COULD MAKE POPCORN.
ZIPPY'S ZA
7:30
MMM. I GUESS I AM KINDA TENSE NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.
7:58
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LIFTING WEIGHTS?
8:07
8:51
9:26
WHIMPER.
10:17
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR DOG?
MMM? OH! SHE HAS TO GO OUT. DON'T MOVE! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
ARF!
11:10
SIGH.
11:34
LOIS, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MADE ME SIT THROUGH THAT AWFUL MOVIE! WHY COULDN'T WE JUST STAY OUTSIDE PROTESTING?
SOMEONE HAD TO GO IN THERE AND SET OFF THOSE STINK BOMBS, SPARROW! WHAT A THANKLESS LIFE US ACTIVISTS LEAD.
CLICK!
CATHERINE DID IT
11:37
HEY, IT LOOKS LIKE GINGER & MALIKA MUST BE IN BED. WE SHOULD BE QUIET.
ZIPPY'S ZA
12:03

this wonderful world. I'm searching for a guy into such activities, especially windsurfing, and like myself, into both sexes. Are you frustrated that others like us are hard to find in the way-too-overtly-hetero world of action and adventure? Strength a must, both physical and psychological, and one who finds friends are first and foremost. Reply BT Box AP301A or call ★★7122.

Submissive

29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★7128.

Let's Sleep Under The Stars!

Walk among trees, ski across glaciers, swim lakes, climb granite! I'm a wilderness lover with intellect and enthusiasm for arts, theater, music and literature. I'm creative, funny, sensitive, attractive and athletic. An NPR bi-guy with biceps. A shy nudist. A young 40-year-old. A scientific and skeptical sentimentalist. I adore hairy and muscular women. If you seek growth, romance and adventure, call or write. Reply BT Box AP302A or call ★★7123.

Unusual

Very smart and good-looking GWM (blond, blue-eyed, 6'1", 180 lbs.), German, grad. stud. and prof., straight acting, is looking for a very attractive straight/bi/lesbian woman for unusual kind of relationship. Call ★★7124.

HIV- Hot Mouth

BiWM, 57, 6', 165 lbs., beard, tatts, masc., exclusively oral, seeks M/F couple, separately and together, to contribute oral ecstasy to their intimate hours. Wide-open single women (bi dykes welcome) into multiple orgasms serviced. Kink scenes (you're top) a +. Any age, race, looks. Box 302, 1117 Geary Blvd., SF 94109 or call ★★7125.

Sweet Submissive Sought

Beginning dominatrix seeks bisexual submissives of either sex, under 35, with which to get some hands-on experience. I'm just learning the ropes, so to speak, so you need to be patient and have a sense of humor. I like gender fuck, cross dressing, verbal abuse, and playing with power. Your desires will be heard and considered, but in the end we play my way. No fatophobes! But trust me, I'm not ugly either. Reply BT Box AP303A or call ★★7126.

Friend-ships On The Tao-streams of Now

I'm a quietly-sensing-feeling type of guy. My life-path and predilections embrace a natural healthy life of simplicity, sense-awareness/"mindfulness," presence, innocence, silence and solitude; Tai Chi, "Zen," meditation, free-drawing, learning (growth, psychology, health, etc.), nightly "contemplative" walks, spontaneity and serendipity. I'm a Cuban-born "free-spirit" artist, masseur, "househusband" (in open marriage), 39, thin, tall, dark-haired. With others, I'm generally gentle, receptive, open, more nonverbal than verbal, supportive, accepting, nondemanding and independent... also playful and "nutty" at times. If your life-path is parallel to mine, let's correspond, talk and perhaps develop a present-centered "free-form" friendship (infrequent get-togethers OK). Cuddling and sensuality possible (but not required). Write Box-holder, PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★7127.

Right Time, Write Place

I like music and art and museums,/And camping (my tent blocks no-see-ums)./I like reading and writing,/And find life exciting,/But this 32-year-old, healthy bi white male has found that chatting with salespeople while shopping for furniture isn't really the best way to meet people here. I'm new to SF and would like to find someone to share films and meals, explore the city and area, compare notes on perception and reality, and enjoy creatively safe sex with. So if you're also friendly, liberal, and enjoy life, why not respond to this ad, and let's see if we can make good use of our limited temporal per diems. Reply Suite 155, 1459 18th St., SF 94107 or call ★★7385.

Slender Bi A/F?

If you're feminine and fit, healthy and happy, brilliant and creative both between the ears and between the sheets, this active, ethical, handsome SWBiM, 5'9", 155 lbs., 40, counterpart wants to meet you. Sense of humor essential. Extra points for a dazzling smile, killer eyes, breasts to die for, a provocative imagination, if family is important, and once a day is not enough. Prefer enduring relationship... probably more. POB 835, San Bruno 94066 or call ★★7386.

Lipstick On Lipstick

Black lace and garters. Passions erupt with spectacular three-way sex. Clean, tall, blond, 40s North Bay couple seeks adventurous woman to complete our erotic dreams. She: wet, sensuous, caring, artist. He: lusty, sensitive, writer. Hot times in a safe place include wine, food, spirited conversation, laughing, caressing, and explosion. Call ★★7387.

Eurasian Blue-Eyed Bi Male

Exotic looking, 24, student (AA drama/acting, College of Marin, finishing up G.E. for UC transfer—major undecided), healthy, wholesome, self-employed and doing fine, seeks female or bi-female, 20s–30s, for the obvious: friendship and possible tender loving relationship. Students, performance, artists, dancers, intelligent models, bodyworkers, etc., should definitely reply, yet all are welcome, of course. PO Box 32, Kentfield 94914 or call ★★7388.

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She Captain

Steer this "able body" bodyworker (experienced ship's masseuse for luxury liner) toward a light to nondrinking, nonsmoking, mild-mannered (woman?) skipper and crew for cruising and racing in and around the Bay Area to start. 'Tho I have deck time and Coast Guard Boats/Sailing Safety Certifications, I'm not into bright work. Will do my share towing lines, giving rubs and boat sitting instead. Reply BT Box AP600A or call ★★7141.

Hell's Hairdressers

is a loosely organized group of guys who like motorcycles (almost) as much as we like other guys. We have two rides coming up; a day ride through the Santa Cruz mountains on Saturday March 21st, and a 5-day weekend trip to join the fun in Palm Springs over Easter. For more information write to P.O. Box 2921, Stanford 94309 or call ★★7142.

Men Knitters

New group *(SF Cable Stitchers)* forming to meet biweekly. Let's get together to knit, chew the fat, exchange ideas and make plans to start a men's design collective. For info. call ★★7143.

Exhibitionists

30 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 150 lbs., br/bl, very muscular, attractive, 29" waist, 40" chest, seeks select group of bi or GWMs under 40 for J/O group. Must work out. Like to show off. No beards. Send description/photo (returnable) if possible or call. Reply BT Box AP602A or call ★★7144.

L.I.P.S. Lesbian Installation Projects

Lesbian artists! Join us for our next nonprofit project. Ongoing workshops. Fort Mason studio space. Eat, drink, be creative. Next meeting, April 26th. No fees for workshop. Call ★★7145.

Dyke Gang Seeks New Recruits

Let's rove, dance, cruise, laugh and play together. Bright women with an interest in creativity, motorcycles, and leather are especially welcome (don't let the mention of leather scare you...) I'm 28, multidimensional, and energetic. Let's hang out with the girlz, check out new clubs, and share ideas. I don't care if you have a girlfriend or not, however an adventurous attitude toward life is a must. Reply BT Box AP603A or call ★★7146.

One Good Two-Steppin' Woman

looking for other lesbians to enjoy country/western dancing. I'm intermediate, lead and follow and want to get better at both. I like two-step, swing, shuffle, waltz and line dances. Prefer nonsmoker/nondrinker. Call now and let's dance! Reply BT Box AP604A or call ★★7147.

Massage

Attractive, European, sensuous guy, 34, 6', with blue eyes, brown hair, masculine healthy body, HIV-, hairy legs, being uncut, cleanshaven, well-exercised and trained in full-body massage, seeks to share sensuous massage with handsome, well-toned, professional masseur or other guy with some bodywork experience, SF and East Bay. Let's share healing energy and more with great hands and pleasure! Call ★★7148.

Racquetball Anyone?

I'm looking for an intermediate 'B' player for regular games. Want to play at least twice a week and work out afterwards. Am considering joining the Embarcadero Y. I'm 31, in fairly good shape, nondrinker/nonsmoker. SF play only. Call ★★7149.

Ecology Of Right Livelihood

Interested in discussing right livelihood from spiritual, ecological, political viewpoints. Process and support networking—group? Reply BT Box AP606A or call ★★7151.

Mandarin Speakers

Seeking native Mandarin speaker with Beijing accent to practice Chinese with. I am a native English speaker and am already fluent in Mandarin. However, my current work does not require Chinese, and my skills are rapidly slipping! Reply BT Box AP607A or call ★★7152.

The Arts Of Japan

From fine to folk to furniture—let's get together to enjoy traditional and contemporary Japanese artistry. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, tea, ikebana, wood, bamboo, textiles, lacquer, metal, stone, paper, ink, architecture, gardens, poetry, literature, theater, cinema, martial arts. Group forming to visit galleries, museums, exhibitions, share collection information, go to the movies! For further information please call ★★7153.

Jewish Lesbian Reading Group

Seeking other lesbians interested in reading books—fiction and nonfiction—on being Jewish and lesbian. I hope that the readings and discussion will focus on how this identity affects and creates our political, personal and/or spiritual lives. Write or call if interested. Reply BT Box AP608A or call ★★7154.

Seeking Co-Parent Or Known Donor?

We are a new group of lesbians and gay men who wish to be involved in a co-parenting or known-donor situation. We meet on the second Sunday of the month for a potluck and discussion, and, hopefully, meeting the person (people) that we seek. Call ★★7155.

Siabo Party

"Single Lesbians and Bisexuals Only" invited to welcome spring and all the livelihood that follows, in a party given in celebration of our singleness (fun way to meet other eligibles). Women of color especially encouraged, as well as feminist identified. This monthly event is now open again to new singles. Find a new partner, in time for GAY DAY (PARADE)! Call for more info. Reply BT Box AP609A or call ★★7156.

Country Western Aficionados!

Hey, women dancers! Come join us for an evening of free lessons and social dancing. We are a friendly and fun crowd. The more women, the better! Thursdays in Berkeley and Sundays in Walnut Creek. Come learn the Tush Push, East Coast Swing, Berlin Boogie, Honky Tonk Stomp and more! Call ★★7408.

Ayn Tend To Find You

Are there any other lesbian libertarians, objectivists, true anarchists (not bratty vandals resentful of achievement) or other free-market kinds of gals out there? If so, let's meet for meaty conversation. I'm friendly, rational, smart and never run away from a good debate! Call ★★7409.

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Astrology Socials For Women

Casual monthly gatherings to talk about the stars and such. If you're interested in meeting with like-minded souls, call ★★7410. Leave name and phone. Individualized charts will be provided free. Group size is limited. San Francisco location.

Flip Flop Balance

Psychic Tarot reader guy, 25, seeks massage guy. I want massage, you want Tarot reading. But I would also like to learn more about massage. If you would like to learn Tarot we can flip flop and teach each other as well. Not professional, friendly only. Call ★★7411.

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Unusual GWM

This GWM prefers Mendocino to Palm Springs, quiet to clamor, lycra to leather, reading to TV and sweetness to machismo. I'm seeking a cleanshaven, drug-free, 20s/30s GWM for friendship and a possible relationship. I'm bright, soft-spoken, muscular (5'10", 180 lbs.) and boyish 36. PO Box 190042, SF 94119 or call ★★7166.

Looking For Mr. Perfect—Not!

GWM, 35, 5'8", 150#, br/bl, naturally physically fit, N/S, N/D, w/thinning hair, HIV-, kind, smart, original, intuitive, romantic, nice eyes that have seen the world. Love baseball, wilderness, cities, animals, fireplace nights, hard work, goals, good people 0-100, communication, family, social issues, can fly planes, kissing, reading in bed. Worked the stock market, landed in restaurants, talk on radio, hand build a house, grow a rose, amazed w/live theatre, close dancing, and feel the world's suffering. Will settle for nothing less than a modestly intelligent GM that knows his heart and can feel the ground beneath. Mid-20's to mid-'30s, confident but humble, kind, loving, uncompromised, attractive but not gorgeous, cute but doesn't think so, boy-next-door normal of the human race (not a particular race). Someone who can fit a pair of jeans like Levi intended or maybe a tuxedo. I like an average, eye-to-eye, firm but not overbuilt guy with a nice, kind face and pleasing eyes. To whom commitment and monogamy aren't dirty words and independence is time, not mind. If you want to laugh, read in the shade, play in the sun, work in the world, give to someone and get it back, build a fortune and give it away, make nerve-ending life together minus the hang-ups but respectfully personal, than this opinionated, passionate, relaxed, sometimes quiet—sometimes not, strong-minded, been-in-love, want-it-again guy needs you to catch up! I know you're out there. I'm cautious, somewhat selective, not perfect and don't want to be. Sometimes a nice derriere catches my eye, but the heart gets mine. My taste varies, my music does too. So if you haven't slept with every opportunity because sex without love is mechanical, then write and send a photo. I'll do the same and don't sweat the small stuff—go ahead. Mature hairline a plus (you decide the importance). PO Box 750455, Petaluma 94975 or call ★★7167.

Gay Asian Student

GAM, 5'4", 27 y.o., 125 lbs., seeks man 18-35 for friendship. I am looking for someone who is honest, sincere, easygoing, goal-oriented and fun-loving man to cultivate that special friendship. I enjoy cooking, dining out or just to go out and have fun. If interested, please write to Mr. "T," PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★7168.

Asian Sex Friend

Handsome GWM, 42, seeks Asian friend for hot playful times together. Any age OK. I'm professional, interesting, friendly and kind. HIV-, 6', 205 lbs. and bald. In addition to sex and cuddling I also enjoy cultural and outdoor activities. I look forward to meeting you. or Reply BT Box AP70A or call ★★7169.

Wouldn't It Be Nice

to meet another man who is also masculine, open, romantic, affectionate, fun to be with and emotionally available? .I'm bright, articulate, creative, good-looking and professional. I'm in my mid 40s, fit/trim/healthy (5'11", 170 lbs.), blnd/blu, beard. I'm successful, caring and have a good balance of seriousness and playfulness. We're both honest, affectionate, clean and sober, and interested in building a loving relationship based upon trust, respect, shared goals and open communication. We've both worked hard to understand ourselves, we're in touch with our feelings and we both enjoy dealing with the difficult issues that come up in an intimate relationship. My interests include my home (gardening, reading, "nesting" projects), travel, long walks, weekends in the country, antique shops/flea markets, volunteer work and my own company as well as the company of a good man. You're mid 30s to late 40s, a bit shy, fit and trim, attractive, bright and willing to make a commitment. Together we'd make a great team ... wouldn't it be nice! Phone and photo please. Reply BT Box AP71A or call ★★7170.

First Mate

Sought by experienced skipper for bay and ocean sailing plus occasional overnights. Captain is 6' tall, 165 lbs., attractive, grey-bearded and fit. You should be a nonsmoker and HIV-. Some experience on the water would be helpful, but not necessary. Disobedient sailors may land in the brig. Come shiver my timbers! Reply BT Box AP73A or call ★★7171.

Life Together

Cute GWM, 20, 125 lbs., 5'10", brown/green, mature, sincere, loving, caring, affectionate, fun, Christian, nonsmoker. Interests include all types of music, camping, hiking, deep conversations, movies, dancing, travel, plays, computers and more. Seeking slender GWM 16-23 who's same/similar for life-mate. Good friendship first, that will develop into close, warm, long-lasting relationship. If you're shy, inexperienced, or not out, great! Give me a try! Send detailed letter/photo from anywhere to D., PO Box 21462, El Sobrante 94820-1462 or call ★★7172.

Boyishly Handsome

Reddish brown hair, dk blue eyes, 5'10", 140 lbs., 37, U/C and sexy. Many interests include music, dancing, restaurants, the arts, movies and romantic time together. You are 20s–30s, lean/slender, 5'8"–6'2", good-looking, fairly smooth, HIV-, oral/versatile and fun loving. Reply BT Box AP74A or call ★★7173.

Spirited Renegade Wanted

If you have a passion for business as well as a passion for passion, this multifaceted GWM, 45, HIV-, professional, 5'10", 165 lbs., nonsmoker, wants to meet you! Looking for goofy idealist to explore safe sex and long-term romantic possibilities. Special consideration for 2-step'n dancing fools, skiers, white water kayakers, entrepreneurial risk takers who value: honesty/integrity; hard work; open communication. Your favorite photo appreciated (not necessarily of you). Reply BT Box AP75A or call ★★7174.

Drink Life To Its Fullest...

...Through willingness to take risks, especially emotional ones. Not just futile fantasies of the great and heavenly love that will come your way one day... but be willing to do something about it. Open up, be vulnerable and strong, sensitive and yet grounded and deep. At times funny and shallow. Be able to embrace life with its opposites: pain and joy, beauty and boredom, the ups and downs. Be willing to tell me what you really feel, even if it's tough, and to hear my side too. Be sensual, playful and sensitive to the need to be serious and responsible at times. Our time together is wonderful, but the need for space and independence is also important. Respect my wounds and I'll help you heal yours. Be ready to grow through our relationship. I'll be by your side. I promise! I'm 38 y.o., 5'8", N/S, N/D. Young look, great shape (physically, emotionally, spiritually). Very good-looking, warm, intense, spontaneous and capable of all of the above. Are you?! Take the risk, I'm open to communicate, wholeheartedly and without judgment. Calls OK, letters preferred. Writing may be an easier and "safer" way for a start: PO Box 616, Palo Alto 94302 or call ★★7175.

Hockey Nut

Yes, I am a real hockey fanatic. I love to watch and play the sport. I am a Midwestern attractive GWM, 25, 6'3", 195 lbs., br/br, and HIV-. I enjoy sports, socializing with friends, wine, cooking and a great dinner, and spending time with my dog. If you can relate to this, and are an attractive, straight-acting GWM in your late 20s to early 30s, then give it a shot. Call ★★7176.

Husband Material

Southern GWM, 33, 5'11", br/br, 195 lbs., HIV-, attractive, masculine, witty, enjoys cooking, wine tasting, Northern Exposure, socializing with friends, my roommate's dog, music (Aretha Franklin, Bonnie Raitt) and college basketball (go Tar Heels). Looking for a GWM with his head on straight between 30–38 with similar interests to laugh at life with. Ultimately, your personality determines how attractive I find you, but generally I'm attracted to men with similar stats as mine. A big nose is a big plus, but not required. Occasional snuggling is. If all of the above sounds interesting, give a call. Call ★★7177.

Let's JO Together

Younger white or Latin wanted for JO, poss. rltnshp. Uncut, big balls, grn eyes, Irish a+ by sincere GWM, 45 y.o., 5'11", 200 lbs., uncut, hairy, balding. I offer you respect, trust, strength, passion, sweetness, and a little silliness. Call ★★7178.

My Fantasy

My slim, smooth body encased in lingerie. Your hard masculine member throbbing inside my eager bottom. I am a mature bisexual looking for regular pleasure. I like to please my lover. Call ★★7179.

Rice And Potatoes

Very handsome, GWM, 30, blond, blue-eyed, quick witted, irreverent, cynical, yet hopelessly romantic, seeks exceptional Asian soulmate. My hobbies include music, swimming, travel, good food, foreign languages, safe sex, and the great outdoors. I stand 6'2", carry 160 lean, well-defined pounds, and have a cute ass and gorgeous cock. You should be smooth, solidly built, considerate, open-minded, near my age, top or versatile, erotic, passionate, and truly ready for a companion on life's lonely highway. Reply BT Box AP77A or call ★★7180.

Spring Fever

Let's frolic! Educated, fit GWM, 28, blond/blue, 6', 180 lbs., seeks a similar playmate for springtime adventures. I may be the medicine for Spring Fever you've been looking for. Reply BT Box AP78A or call ★★7181.

Snuggle Buddies Wanted

Seeking ongoing physical and emotional relationships based primarily on intimacy, companionship, and spiritual bonding. Me: 41, 6'4", 235 lbs., green eyes, brown hair, trim graying beard, moustache, furry chest, healthy, versatile with GrA leanings. You: 34–48, over 5'10", reasonably fit, bearded, nonsmoker, drug-free. Interests include singing, music and concerts, two-stepping, movies and theater, exploring The City on foot, architecture, weekend jaunts, and fine food. Write with recent photo (returnable) to PO Box 460220 San Francisco 94146-0220 or call ★★7182.

Great Expectations

Attractive, fit and healthy GWM (young looking) 45, wants to add romance and relationship to a well-balanced life; friends, pets, arts, community work and travel are enhanced when shared with someone special; attracted to men under 35, lean to muscular build, who like passionate kissing, j/o, cuddling, etc; you're honest, creative and independent yet need a supportive and nurturing environment; mentoring... yes, "daddy"... no; "out"... yes, barflys/trendies... no; your anti-

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Interests include bicycling, gardening, food, the future of multimedia, opera, KITS radio, Miss Manners, rude humor, the movies, and a committed relationship (but not necessarily with whoever answers this ad). I am a 39-year-old technical writer. You are probably 35 to 45 years old and share some of the above interests. No Republicans or poodle owners, please. Boxholder, 5856 College Ave., #214, Oakland 94618 or call ★★7184.

HIV+

WM, 44, tired of being without special HIV+ buddy. I seek an average-looking guy who feels the need to connect. My needs: you are very hairy, preferably bearded, definitely short-haired or (better) bald(ing), comfortable on Folsom (or at least the "old" Folsom; remember the Ambush?), into intense safe butt play (yours, mine, both), moderate in vices, like it stronger than "vanilla," and non-cologned. Me: 6′, 180, smooth. Call—let's talk. Call ★★7185.

Me And You

Me: 27 y.o. GWM, HIV-, nonsmoker, 5′7″, 140 lbs., cute face, big dick, top. Looking for friendship and hot, safe sex, not a relationship. Interests include movies, history, travel, science fiction. You: any race, also HIV- and nonsmoker, age 22-35, bottom, friendly and outgoing. Gay-acting and -appearing welcome. Photo (a must) and letter please to: 537 Jones St., #1623, SF 94102 or call ★★7186.

Hibernating Bear

WM, 46, hairy, beefy bear is looking to meet a short, husky, bear cub to stay inside and play with. I'm masculine, sincere, fun-loving, sexually versatile. Please send photo if poss. and phone #. PO Box 1714, Daly City 94014 or call ★★7187.

Strong and Sturdy

Strong and sturdy country guy, 34, 5′11″, 185, wanting a good, true man to share adventures with. All races, foreign tongues, and sizes. I want to travel the world over; taking it all in, hoping you want the same. Painter, waiter, massage therapist... Your letter and photo gets mine. PO Box 442, Mendocino 95460 or call ★★7188.

Daddy's Boy Wanted

Daddy is GWM, 48, 5′7″, 135 lbs., brown hair and eyes, hairy, moustache, NS. You: under 35, bottom, passive, submissive, affectionate, NS, cuddly, healthy, stable, responsible, drug-free. If you are smooth to hairy, punk to clean-cut, leather to GQ, slender to muscular, effeminate to butch, stupid to brilliant, daddy will still love his little boy. Call ★★7189.

Take A Chance

Masculine, mature, HIV-, GWM, professional, sometimes described as a "teddy bear," seeks affectionate, possibly submissive friend, any race. We don't smoke or use drugs, use little to no alcohol, and are both emotionally and financially stable. We like to touch and cuddle, and are down-to-earth, but sometimes "earthy," too. Nice if you can smile. Shy OK. Call ★★7190.

Socially Top/Sexually Bottom

Good-looking, masc. GWM/37/6′2″/185#/br/br/beard. Slim/muscular, good sense of humor, looking for hot sex (you top) and good times. Age, race are not important. Quality is. Write Boxholder, PO Box 426184, SF 94142-6184 or call ★★7191.

Surfer, Sailor Wanted

Beginners OK. Seeking 18–25, smooth, slim, HIV-, for friendship, safe hot sex, surfing, sailing, but no relationship. I'm handsome, well-built swimmer, executive, 37, 5′11″, 165 lbs., brn hair and eyes, fun, adventurous, horny HIV-. Please send photo and letter to 2625 Alacatraz Ave., Box 171, Berkeley 94705 or call ★★7192.

Major Undiscovered Find!

Absolutely amazing! How this good-looking, smart, funny and modest 41-year-old cutie has not been snapped up by now is beyond the understanding of medical science and metaphysical disciplines. Perhaps a 28–42-year-old handsome, fun-loving, romantic man who likes to walk, cuddle and enjoy life can solve this mind-numbing riddle. Don't wait—this opportunity won't last! Reply BT Box AP81A or call ★★7193.

Blue Collar

Men drinking beer with thick thighs and thick hair and a strong nose are my weakness. I'm 43, nice looking, 6′1″, 175 lbs. w/mustache, wavy hair, green eyes. You are 28-45 and not into gay scene. I don't like jewelry or cheap shoes. Do like underwear, safe sex, videos and teasing. No substance abusers. Write Box 2538, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★7194.

A "Real" Person

GWM, 44, HIV-, 6′1″, 200 lbs., bl/blu eyes seeking GWM, 35–40, for friendship, companionship, and to see what develops in the future. I'm not interested in bar/bath scene to meet people. I am interested in: C.W. dance lessons and dancing; beginner's bridge, outdoor activities, travel, good conversation, dining out. Mine is not a "swimmer's build," but I am good-looking, getting back in shape, and willing to work hard. You should be in decent shape, share my interests and be interested in developing interests together. I plan on remaining HIV—no unsafe sex, no "playing around," and no "head trip" bullshit. Interested? Please reply and let's meet. Reply BT Box AP82A or call ★★7195.

Doing It Together

Fit, attractive, mature man seeks same (preferably 40–55) who knows himself and his needs, would be sensitive to mine and is emotionally available. A genuine warmth, good energy and sense of humor, and a positive attitude toward life a must. I am a gregarious, high-energied professional in the arts. Would like to share my most agreeable life with someone whose contribution would enhance it even more. Enjoy theater, films, museums, travel, music, architecture, and ethnic food? We could be doing it together. Let's meet and see what happens. Reply BT Box AP83A or call ★★7196.

Body Builders Play

Body builders, tired of being mistaken as a top? Want to have that hunky butt and body of yours attended to? Write this handsome, 40-year-old, 5′8″, 145 lb. man and tell me your fantasies. Light spanking to deep probing with stops in between: have to visit your coach for a special problem; see the doctor for an all-body exam; get caught by an older brother; work late for your boss in the office or in the basement; help the biology teacher with a special after-school experiment—well, you get the picture—send one of yours (returnable) with a lettter to Box 532, 2215-R Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★7197.

Possibilities

and not, I hope, improbabilities! GWM, 47, 5′6″, 150 lbs., seeking to meet Asian same age or somewhat younger, for friendship and sharing interests, or if fortune smiles, something more. Reply BT Box AP85A or call ★★7198.

FFB 150 Power Top

WM, 5′7″, 6′, 165 lbs., beard, tribal tatts to ahole, piercings, masc, deep throat services strong arm top fist into heavy power trip, sling bondage, mind fucking no limits butt rape, punch it helpless and take it to the shoulder. Have sling, need fanatic fist. Any age, race. Be serious, relentless, in absolute control. Box 302, 1117 Geary Blvd., SF 94109 or call ★★7199.

I Do

I'm one of those guys you would assume has a lover—I don't. That's because at first you may not notice that I'm shy. That coy part of my personality keeps me from approaching the men I'm attracted to. Oftentimes that's to other shy men. If you hope that once we break the ice you'll find that I'm masculine, humorous, warm and adventurous—you will. If you think I enjoy community service, exercise, sports, romance, sharing, and travel—I do. If you're attracted to men who are 38, 5′10″, 167 lbs., HIV+, red/blue, with a moustache—it's me. If you're masculine, tall, fit, 25–45, humorous, honest and nonsmoking—it's time. Don't leave a voice mail message, that's too easy. Make an effort and send a short note and photo and I'll return the same. If you assume that I believe a little effort yields lasting rewards—I do. Reply BT Box AP86A or call ★★7200.

Magnanimous Cum Laude

GS (Scottish)M, 22, 6′2″, brown hair, green eyes—looking for man 25–37 for safe dating and mutual fun. I'm extremely versatile, opinionated, spontaneous, an incorrigible flirt, charmingly eccentric and unique, and love to be held in the morning. Are you artistic, attractive and darling with interests beyond the office/home/gay life, Latin, Mediterranean, Brazilian, Caucasian, exotic? Can I tie you up and kiss you for hours? Reply BT Box AP87A or call ★★7201.

Monterey Area Nudist

40, W/M, 6′, 160 lbs., brn/hazel, average build, seeks other male nudists for social, recreational activities. Nonsexual, friendship only. Prefer mid 40s or younger. Penpals welcome. Nudist group forming. Also seeking individuals with self-contained motor home who would be interested in clothing-optional situation on 100 acres, private, secluded, very rustic private property. (Wanted finances up to 150K—all/part.) Box 0406–BT; Gonzales 93926 or call ★★7202.

I Want A Slow Hand

A man with an easy touch, not someone to come and go in a heated rush. Thanks Pointers. That's me. 39 y.o., 170 lbs., blue eyes, reddish beard, shaved/bald head, exercised swimmer's build, blue collar type, intelligent, funny, friendly, artist, moderately hairy. Sorry, I don't like cologne, drugs, poppers, S/M, pierced bodies, cockrings. Do like: masculine, hairy (all degrees), bald/thinning (OK if not), J/O, earthy, natural, love big balls. I'm hung, but dick size not important. I'm an inner city explorer/adventurer, also love country. Relationship possible with right person. Reply BT Box AP88A or call ★★7203.

Oral maneuvers

Very talented, friendly, young 40, 5′10½″, 160 lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seek sexual friendship or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Reply BT Box AP89A or call ★★7204.

Roe V. Wade

You were in the library researching this topic. I tried to help. You are tall, black, buffed, left-handed. You know who I am and where to find me on the weekend. Call ★★7205 or drop by.

Hot Sex Wanted

GWM, 34, good-looking, 5′10″, 175 lbs., gym-toned body, short black hair, moustache and beard, HIV+. Into most scenes and looking for an attractive man for hot sex and maybe a relationship. Turn-ons—tits, butts, tattoos, bald, etc. Reply BT Box AP90A or call ★★7206.

Corduroy

I get turned on by tight corduroy pants. If you like the feel and look of old worn velvety corduroys, please contact me. Age unimportant. Reply BT Box AP91A or call ★★7207.

Comforting Contrasts

You like it fine when a masculine, articulate, lankily well-made, defined guy turns over part of his dynamic to the usually quieter you; when the bedroom lights dim or when we make now-tender, now-feisty love far from the hiking trail. Indeed, it turns you on when this bright, tall blond with the light-up-the-room smile lays his head in your lap and opens his heart and other sensitive parts to your loving, safely enveloped and playful invasions and ideas. He's in his 30s. You're agelessly young and hungry to take him. Reply BT Box AP92A or call ★★7208.

WM, 34, outdoorsman seeks friend to explore with. Me: 6′2″, 175 lbs., brown eyes and hair, handsome, well-rounded, communicative, sincere, monogamous and healthy. Inexperienced at relationships with men, but open and curious. I enjoy backpacking, wilderness, deserts and rivers, theater, music, film and literature. You: similar in age, confident, masculine, genuine. Us: good friends and hopefully intimately so. Reply BT Box AP93A or call ★★7209.

Contra Costa Professional

GWM, 30, 5′11″, 175 lbs., blond, financially stable and has been told is good-looking, seeks GWM (30–35) who enjoy traveling, intelligent conversation and outdoor sports. You, like myself, are a non-pretentious, well-adjusted, HIV-professional who is not into the gay scene and lives a quality life. We both enjoy intimacy, quiet times and the sharing of everyday life. Looking for friendship and/or possible monogamous relationship. Reply BT Box AP94A or call ★★7210.

Sonoma County Student

of chemistry. Aspiring shaman seeks passionate young men for dating and more. Living at home while finishing school, makes it hard to (well you know). In my prime and would like to share it with someone. Me: 26, 6′, 175 lbs., br/br, handsome and straight appearing. You: 20–30, good-looking, ahead of your time. North Bay a +. Send short letter to Boxholder, Suite 187, 6585 Commerce Blvd., Rohnert Park 94928. Photo appr., will return or call ★★7211.

Unusual And Attractive

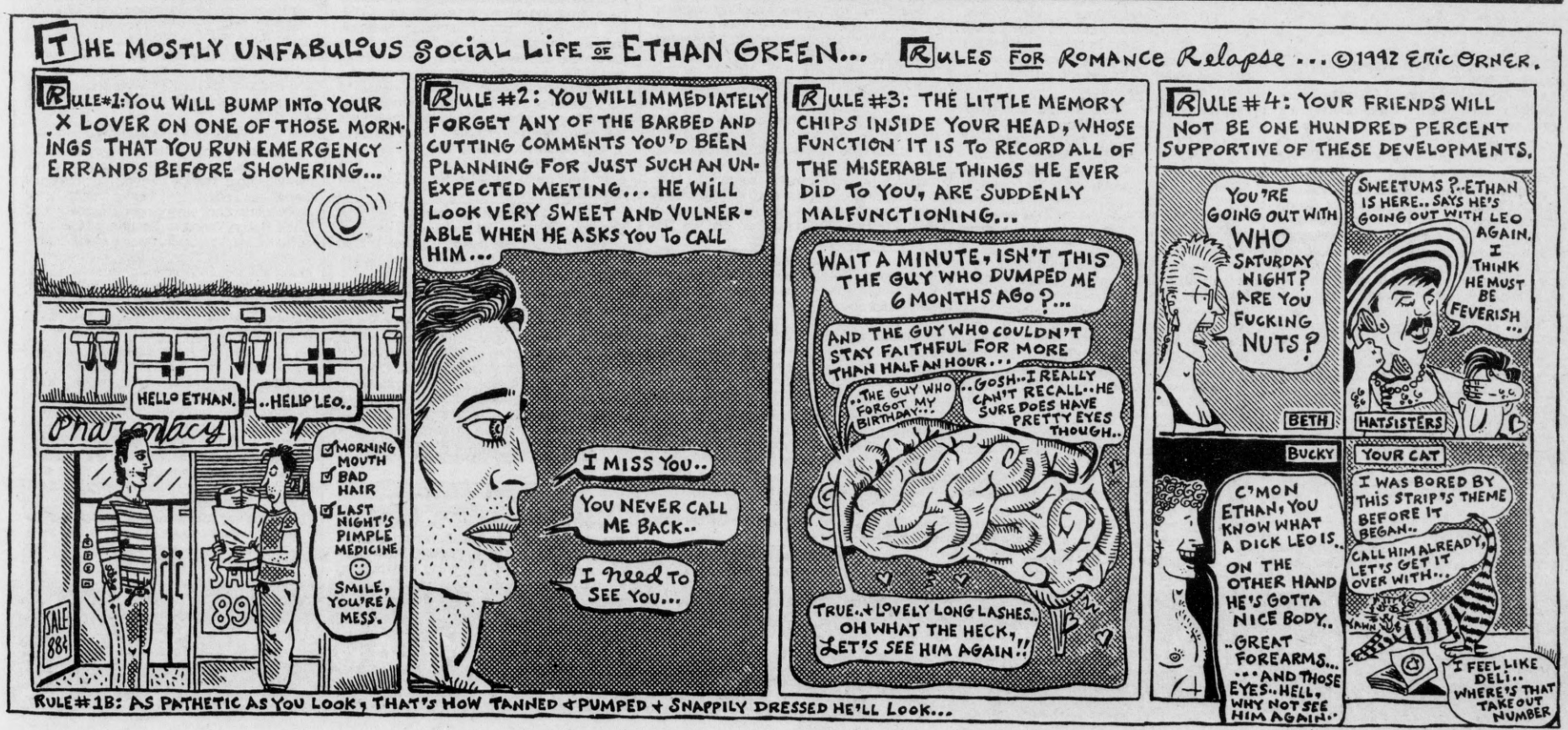
W/M in mid 30s, very good-looking, intelligent, straight appearance, prof., seeks similar W/M for good times, hopefully more. Prefer you are sophisticated and interesting, under 6′ tall, sexually top, into some leather, non-heavy B&D, private exhibitionism. Safe only. Call ★★7212.

Assume The Position...

over my knee for quick, fun slaps with my hand or? Until your beefy buns glow. Tall, gdlkng, nicely endowed 27 y.o. GWM with good hands will administer deserving slaps if UR under 30 and in good shape. Wear your tightest jeans and hold on! Reply BT Box AP95A or call ★★7213.

Totally Boyish GWM

... seeks white or Asian guy in SF for friendship and more. I'm 32, 5′7″, 125 lbs., long brown hair, nice smile, friendly, unpretentious, intelligent. Into film, rock and roll, art, exploring the city. Looking for a slim, cleanshaven nonsmoker, probably my age or younger, of similar height/weight, with compatible interests. (Long hair a plus, but by no means essential.) Call ★★7214.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I NEED TO SEE YOU...
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If I Can't Dance...
I don't want to be part of your revolution. Intellectual Jewish Anarcho Commie Punko Fag, 41, seeks soulmate. Short of that, someone to dance with... Write to CPF, 2300 Market, #102, SF 94114 or call ★★7215.

Looking For Love Or Lust
Or something in between. I'm a handsome GWM, 32, 5'10", 165 lbs., brown/blue, cleanshaven, hairy and in good shape. I'm also HIV+, healthy and bottom/versatile. I like to get wild on occasion but enjoy quiet times, too. You should have similar/compatible characteristics and a good idea of who you are and what you want. Please also be very handsome, smart, fun, hairy, taller and/or nice—all of the above isn't necessary, one or more will suffice! Send letter and photo (a must; you can find one somewhere, returned if you ask) to BT Box AP96A or call ★★7216.

A Touch Of The Tropical
If you'd like a little spice in your life—how about a slim cute brown 25-year-old (blk/blk)? Do you grab the Arts and Leisure page? Interested in swimming, long conversations and rambling walks? Do Garfield, Woody Allen, Terry Gilliam, Hobbits, MOMA, Baldwin and Maupin ring a bell? Be in 20s–early 30s, reasonably in shape and willing to try something different. Reply BT Box AP98A or call ★★7217.

Nectar In Paradise
Masculine, versatile GWM, living on windward side of Oahu, looking for masculine men who require close contact with other men. If you're visiting the islands, let's check it out. I'm 5'9", 170 lbs., balding brown, baby blue, mid 30s, well built, hairy chest. Reply BT Box AP99A or call ★★7218.

Responsibly Carnal And Caring
I'm out of town for work sometimes, but does this mean a warm, spirited safe-sex buddy need be tough to find? Lithe, tall, exercised and nicely defined 38 y.o. blond with vivid blue eyes and lots of sensual/sexual/playful urges would like to share caresses and tussles, embraces and huddles of all gymnastic varieties with clean living, in-shape young guys. Though looking for toasty physicality, I also offer emotional availability and trust that you can too. Reply BT Box AP100A or call ★★7219.

I Like Ass
This attractive GWM, 40, top, 6'5", 200 lbs., is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for the safe sex to follow. You: attractive GWM, 21–35, slim build, nice ass and hungry. If you dick's hard from reading this ad, better call now!!! Reply BT Box AP101A or call ★★7220.

Wakem Up
I was crossing Sanchez St. at Market, 7 p.m., 3/25. We exchanged hellos. Would you like to meet? Give me a call and check it out—let's see what happens. Reply BT Box AP102A or call ★★7221.

Wanna Penetrate A Young GWM?
Attractive GWM, 23, br/bl, 5'11", 145 lbs., seeks older guys, expert in sodomy. My fantasy: sucking your dick and watch it slowly moving in and out of my ass while admiring your very well-built body outloud. If you are this very muscular hunk and like to be told you are a god, reply BT Box AP103A or call ★★7222.

Meet An Asian "Aries" Lately?
GAM, 44, 5'10", 150 lbs., wants to meet younger brother, friend or lover. My interests are sci fi, eating out, wkend outings, walks, foreign languages, traveling. I am easy to please, well balanced, caring and sensitive. I enjoy quiet moments as well as passionate loving. If you are willing to be loved and treasured for who you are and comfortable being the object of my devotion—let's meet. We could be holding each other tonight. Reply BT Box AP104A or call ★★7223.

I Want Your Guts
GWM, 36, 6'1", 180 lbs., br/bl, sober smoker, healthy HIV+. Beyond that I'm a nice guy, with a great sense of humor, who's also handsome in that cleanshaven way. Looking for someone willing and able to put out emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually 110%—I promise to meet you halfway. That which grows slowly endures... help me learn to live that belief. Oh yeah, I'm an incurable romantic. Reply BT Box AP105A or call ★★7224.

Jazz Person Sought
GWM, 36, 5'5", 120 lbs., dark blond hair, red beard/moustache, green eyes, hairy chest. Seeking: GBM, GLM, GAM (others OK also) who enjoys jazz/crossover (KBLX, KKSF, KJAZ type) as beginning mutual interest area (also dance, theater, art, your suggestions). Let's hang together, hear some music, dinners, get to know each other for a while. Note: I use manual wheelchair since '80 accident. Let's destroy the myth... I work, do laundry, drive, shop, all life activities as others do... including getting hard (though that comes later). Friends first, if feels right to both of us, some things can develop/continue. Reply letter/phone. Reply BT Box AP106A or call ★★7225.

Warm Rendevous
SBiWM, trim, 5'8", 40, considerate, capable, casual, "versatile," seeks one similar WM, 27–57, bi, gay, TV, or "novice," for sexual rendevous (in SF area). Brotherly warmth, comfortable nakedness, sensual sharing. No STD's, no drugs, not phone sex, no bars, not romance, not politics or economics, no trash or swish. If we feel to, truly bisexual sharing possible also. Reply BT Box AP107A or call ★★7226.

Looking For
a physically attractive, tallish, trim, emotionally open, well-educated professional man with some wit, style and depth. No clones, no smoking, low to no drinking. Must like architecture, meandering city walks, books, and movies. Age 34–44, HIV-. I'm all of the above, and am tired of playing with myself. Write a risky letter and send a representative (not idealized) photo. I'll do the same. POB 423512, SF 94114 or call ★★7227.

Old Soul In Young Body
Cute Mex/Ital/Irish boy, 26, 5'9", 160 lbs., br/gr, cleanshaven, very smooth, 7" uncut, HIV-. I enjoy reading, film, outdoors, art, metaphysics, astrology, spirituality, vegetarianism, beer, good conversation, hot safe sex and cuddling. I also have a great sense of humor. I'm attracted to guys 30+ who are intelligent, creative, sane, hairy, bearded, hung and nonsmoking. Boy awaits daddy bear. Reply BT Box AP108A or call ★★7228.

Somewhere In The Middle
GWM, 27, 5'10", 150 lbs., brown hair/brown eyes, handsome. I'm looking for a guy around my age +/– 5 years with a similar build for first friendship and then maybe a relationship. I have many interests which include cycling, day hikes, movies, history, politics, sex, new things, and doing stuff with friends. You should be: HIV-, smart, good-looking, flexible, open-minded, and in good physical shape. Call ★★7229.

Seeking Thin, Smooth Boyfriend
If you're thin to skinny, non-smkr-drugs, any race, 25–35, enjoy quiet evenings, lots of affection, movies, beach walks, arts, this gdlk late 40s GWM writer, 6'2", 160 lbs., clean-cut, stable and safe, wants to meet you for casual visits and/or possible relationship. (I'm not into risky sex.) Please send your photo (I'll return) to L., PO Box 21463, Piedmont 94620 or call ★★7230.

Recharging Mid-Life Sex
You're 40+. You're still hungrily addicted to sex but you're no longer the dynamo you once were: your erotic anodes and diodes are wearing down and your bod is losing its current. Let's share ideas and experiences for recharging our sexual batteries, especially for keeping the tingle in our tools. Call ★★7231.

Has The World Changed Or Have I Changed?
There's more to life than books, but not much more, so if you've got five minutes to spare I'll tell you the story of my life (33, slender and shy). I want to live and I want to love, not just catch something I might be ashamed of. So, you handsome devil (preferably 35–45, short, chubby and hairy) call me, because these things take time and this is the day our lives could surely change. Call ★★7232.

No Fancy Essay (Bullshit) Here
Just a mature (55), sincere, professional, attractive athletic, nice and very submissive GWM bottom who desires to be obedient to a non-kinky but very dominant top who's also NS, ND, HIV- and in good shape. You'd be a friend who may have another committed relationship, but needs a regular outlet for fantasy and relaxation. Write with your description and phone number. I'll call and we'll touch each other. Reply BT Box AP109A or call ★★7233.

Berkeley Daytimes
Want a quick, easy, safe, hassle-free way to get over morning "horniness"? GWM, 35, br/gr, 140 lbs., good-looking, trim, seeks GM 18-35 for daytime casual sex in Berkeley area. Race not important, slim and trim, good shape are. Students, foreign, long hair, uncut, all pluses. Completely discreet. Call now! Call ★★7234.

So You Want To Get Fucked, Eh?
In your face or in your ass, I'll do it. I am 45 y.o. GWM, blond, 5'11", 180 lbs., not very good-looking, medium dick. I prefer young, slender, smooth, but others may apply, especially Asians and virgins. If you need to get laid *bad*, call me, and use a condom every time. Reply BT Box AP110A or call ★★7235.

How About That Spanking?
You'll feel much better afterward. Suit-wearing professional with traditional values, 45 y.o., 6'0" and 185 lbs., brn eyes and hair, HIV-, uncut, willing to give hand spankings and other guidance to youthful-appearing Daddy's boy. I am respectful of limits. You will feel liberated as every private act is directed and supervised; in helplessness you'll discover how much you are cared for. Reply BT Box AP111A or call ★★7235.

Quality for Quality
WM, 41, career professional, 5'8", 162 lbs., blond/brown, moustache, considered attractive. Qualities include: stable, secure, communicative, genuine, fun-loving, easy-going, independent, adventurous. Interests include: good friends, theater, dining out, good conversation, traveling, movies, new adventures, enjoying life. Seeking a quality man to date, and explore possibilities with. I tend to be attracted to Asian, Latin, African-American or dark-haired (toppish!) men, who are my age or younger, who seek a quality man to date. An ad can never convey it all so let's communicate, meet and hopefully date. Reply BT Box AP146A or call ★★7237.

Underwear/Jockstrap Fantasies?
Handsome, slim Asian runner with nice legs and cute butt has huge men's undergarment collection. Seeks GWM for private shows. I will strip, model my undergarments. Help me in to/out of my garments, grope me, photograph me. I'm HIV-, anal passive, oral. Hot, safe, erotic, fun. Plus if you'll show me your undergarment collection and model them for me. Not into dirty/women's underwear. Call ★★7238.

Let's Chance It!!
Attractive, fun Scorpio seeking relationship with possible future monogamous relationship. Me, GWM, 53, HIV-, 5'10", 190 lbs., brn hair, cleanshaven, hairy bod, nondrinker, nonsmoker. You: late 20s to mid 50s, HIV-, nice looking, sense of humor, bit zany, 12-stepper, OK, like to be spoiled. Let's have an adventure!! Maybe we will end up good friends or lovers?? Reply BT Box AP112A or call ★★7239.

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GWM, cynical humor, "over-developed chest," painter's sensibility, enjoys leather, working out, bicycling, gallery hopping, hot tubes, dungeons, learning to two-step, looking for a pal to hang with, dance with, cuddle and fuck. A man who, like me, needs to be talked down sometimes and lifted up sometimes. Romantic gestures, playful spirit, yes, yes, yes. Call ★★7240.

Asian Man In Search Of Friendship
GAM, 5'4", 125 lbs., 27 years old, seeks man 18–35 who is honest, sincere, fun loving, non-smoker, non or light drinker, drug free for that "special friendship." I enjoy cooking, watching movies, discussing politics and philosophy or just relaxing at home listening to music. If interested, please reply to K.T., PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172, or reply BT Box AP113A or call ★★7241. Serious only please!!

Oak Town Boy
Hot Black males seek other hot Black males that share some of the same interests. I'm 5'7", 170 lbs., stocky type, dark brown skin, big muscles, chest fills out, strong thick thighs, tight ass and med dick. I love basketball, baseball, etc... I also enjoy reading, dining out, drive-ins or just enjoy each other's love. No drugs. Friendship/relationship. PO Box 3067, Berkeley 94703. Call ★★7242.

Peninsula
GWM, simple-minded but with intellectual ambitions, living clean lifestyle, independent financially—idiot open for any kind of cretinism. All of that stupid stuff... like European sensitivity, aristocratic background, E.E. origin. The worst of all: 36, 5'11", 180 lbs., HIV-, masculine, good-looking with unbeatable sexual potential, bald and proud... Oh, yes, for only 98 cents per minute. Reply BT Box AP114A or call ★★7243.

Wanted Black M Past Age 55
Clean-cut, caring GWM wants one Black M past 55 to orally service on regular basis. I'm 57, healthy, HIV-, 6'1", 188 lbs. and strictly F/A deep-throat expert. Need one healthy, older, heavy-hung Black M who loves to be orally serviced for hours. Your response to 1550 California St., #6, Box 241. Your looks and age are unimportant. Call ★★7244.

Blue Collar Man?
Are you a masculine, handsome GWM under 40 who works with his hands (construction worker, painter, trucker, policeman, etc.)? If so, this good-looking, professional, somewhat shy, 32-year-old GWM with brown hair, short beard, 6'2", 195 lbs., HIV-, wants to hear from you now! Reply BT Box AP115A or call ★★7245.

Seeking "Queer N' Asian"
GWM, late 30s, HIV+, 5'11", 170 lbs., seeks friendship with GAM. Me: ostensibly quiet, secure, politically active, nurturing, opinionated, somewhat shy, enigmatic professional with high self-esteem. My interests include politics, sports, literature, theater, music, jeopardy and food. I'm openly affectionate and love to cuddle, but I've never been told I'm a great lover. I've got my share of vices but the overall package is pretty special. You: Asian, 25–40 y.o., looks not important. Must be intelligent with good sense of self-worth and stable lifestyle. Physical handicaps are fine, but please no mental hang-ups. If you're interested in a high-quality friendship with a giving and stable guy, reply BT Box AP118A or call ★★7246.

GBM Top
6', 195 lbs., 46 yr., into white and Latino bottoms who are very submissive and eager to please, 35–55, for romantic, sensitive, pleasurable encounters, taking our time to savor our sensuality, lots of touching, hugging, tit play, oralism before main course—safe sex, of course—send a photo. Will be returned with your desires to A., 1230 Market, Box 615, SF 94102 or call ★★7247.

Balanced Spiritual/Physical
Refined, caring, pianist/accompanist/singer-coach, college teacher, INFP/artist-type seeks commitment-oriented soulmate who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, open-minded, aware, adaptable, intuitive, inner beauty, devoted, healthy mind/body, traditional values, integrity, love of self/others, nature/animals/beauty, philosophical, communicative, young at heart. GWM, 44, 5'7", 122. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95014. Call ★★7248.

Symphony Wed. 3/18
Exchanged smiles as I passed at intermission; you wore white mock turtle; me, sport coat, glasses, beard; would like to meet: PO Box 626, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or use voice mail (except 4/4–11, on vacation). Call ★★7249.

Searching For Athletic Whimsical Liaison
Squared hard stomach, busy stories, imagination. Aerobic, lean, HIV-. Same sought by GWM, 40s with young complexion, a sparky buckaroo, feel 29, quick to grin. Objective: resonant touch, mindful banter, uncompromised confidence, funny truths, perhaps the coincidence of friendship, but don't bet on it. Please be similar, focused, with compact body and clear messages. Call ★★7250.

The Jewish Connection
If you are reading this personal, then we probably have something in common already. I'm a GJM, 23, 5'8", br/hzl, stocky frame, professional, cleanshaven, nonsmoker. I live in Marin and I enjoy working out, biking, dancing, theater, hiking, and all the regular stuff. I am pretty new to the area but I can't seem to meet anyone Jewish. I'm not super-religious, but I do enjoy celebrating the holidays and occasionally going to temple. Let's talk about grandma's chicken soup and the tortures of Hebrew school and go from there. I am looking for friends but I am definitely open to a good relationship. Reply BT Box AP121A or call ★★7251.

Platicar Y Placer
Estoy estudiando el Espanol. Quiero practicar con otro hombre para platicar y, tal vez, placer. Tengo 47 anos, 5'8", 140 lbs. Llame me. Carlos. Reply BT Box AP122A or call ★★7252.

Attn: Masc. Asian/Latino Males
This discreet masculine Chinese American male, 37 y.o., muscular and trim, stands 5'7", a solid 145 lbs., seeks a quality relationship with an Asian/Latino masculine guy, 27–45, HIV-, healthy and in shape, intelligent, independent, down-to-earth with a good sense of humor. I enjoy cultural and ethnic diversities, workouts, outdoors, weekend getaways, sports, home life, cooking, giving and receiving long sensual massages. Not into drugs, disco or groupies. If you honestly fit the bill, please reply BT Box AP124A or call ★★7253.

Seeking Smart And Sexy
Youthful guy for friendship, etc. I'm a relationship-oriented GWM, 36, 5'8", 152 lbs., dark hair and moustache, blue eyes (usually behind glasses), handsome, energetic, inquisitive, health conscious, HIV-. I enjoy designing and building things, volunteer work, my friends, reading, movies, food, outdoor adventure, travel, etc. Looking to meet compatible, bright male who enjoys his work and friends and takes time to smile. Call ★★7254.

Young Fine Black Friends Or Lover Desired
for intimate affection! By happy, W-Man/Fox. Tall, hairy (black/green), slim gym-firmed physique. Great smile, creative and ready to give a lot to you. Make the effort to contact me and I'll be your friend till the end. Box 416, PO Box 410990, SF 94114-2588 or call ★★7255.

GAM + GAM or ?
Handsome GAM, youthful 40s, 5'7", 135 lbs., healthy, fit and energetic, seeks other GAM or GM for friendship, perhaps relationship. I am balanced, confident, flexible, open and sincere. You are some or all of these, N/S, non-substance abuser and healthy. I enjoy traveling, music, restaurants, films, reading, workouts, etc. Send phone, if possible, photo to WD, PO Box 471583, SF 94147 or call ★★7256.

Intelligent
... friends or lover wanted by 27 y.o. computer professional. I'm interested in films, dining out and conversation. Would be open to new things, such as opera, symphony, museums, etc... Gee, I still have 35 words I can use, so: blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah. Call ★★7257.

Young GWM Wanted
South Bay. Young, athletic, inexperienced Asian Christian male seeks nonsmoking, athletic GWM for friends/relationship. I enjoy working out, playing volleyball and tennis, camping, biking, traveling and quality evenings. PO Box 3145, San Jose 95156 or call ★★7258.

Relationship Wanted
And I know I'm not the only one. GWM, 27, 6', 165 lbs., bld/hzl, smooth, gym toned, nonsmoking, straight acting, Midwest guy wants to meet a similar GWM, 25–34, with like intentions. Then let's take it from there. Things I value include: work, study, travel, working out and kissing. I consider myself mature, responsible, down-to-earth, and materially modest. And how about you? Reply BT Box AP126A or call ★★7259.

I Know You Exist
I've seen you out on the streets. You are tall (5'9"+), height in proportion to weight, cleanshaven, cute hair cut (full head of hair), tanned, white, nonsmoker, light drinker, under 32, educated and earning a living. You, like I am, are over the bars, ultra queens, etc... and are ready to try and build a healthy long-term relationship/companionship. I'm 31 (look 26), 6'3", 180 lbs., brown hair and blue eyes, tanned, stable (mostly), allergic to cats and have a dog. This is my first and only ad so come on and take a chance. Call ★★7260.

Looking For Smoothies
GWM wants to meet man with little or no body hair for friendship, good times and more. Me: 40s, 5'10", 180 lbs., HIV-, brown/blue, professional, masculine, live in SF. You: any age with smooth body, Asian a +. Both of us: friendly, honest, nonsmoker, no drugs, affectionate, sincere and a little bit innocent. Write or call me and let's get together. Reply BT Box AP127A or call ★★7261.

Balance: Body And Soul
Sensual-BUT-stable, XX fantasy (good-looking, mostly smooth Asian, Latin, Italian or? 20–35) but seeking more serious Partner (or nonsexual friends—all "types"): no heavy bar scene or drugs/light alcohol, easygoing and casual, music (Sade, Bolton, Vandross, Vaughn, gospel, etc.), Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, theology, philosophy, Chaplin, The Far Side, Looney Toons, ethnic food, Falcon/Bjorn videos, etc. ... I'm GWM, 29, 5'9", 150 lbs., hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking—Letter and photo to J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104, or reply BT Box AP128A or call ★★7262.

Do We Have A Match?
You—most of the following: honest, sweet, sometimes intolerable, smart, decent body, GWM, 27–45, over 5'10"/170 lbs., top/vers., engineer, artist, carpenter or something like that, with big dick you love to... and me: GWM, bright, interesting, nice to people, hate BS, 5'10", 185 lbs., good-looking, 36, decent shape, stubborn streak, like zoos, camping out, cultural stuff; vers/bottom, way excellent/in bed (the better to fit your...), for hanging out, cuddling, fucking like mink, shacking up? Republicans considered only with excellent excuse (e.g., 9" is excellent). Forget the photo, I trust you. Reply BT Box AP129A or call ★★7263.

Don't Miss the May 1 Deadline for the Next Issue of SF Bay Times

Are You Extremely Well Hung?
This good-looking, HIV-, 32-year-old, slender GWM with a nice tight butt would like to get it "probed" (safely) by a handsome, masculine GWM under 40 with a big (over 9") fat dick! Call ★★7264.

Tired Of Coffee Dates That Lead Nowhere?
If we're compatible on the phone, let's play first, then pillow talk to see if our minds fit as well. We're professional, educated, cheerful, diverse interests, great husband prospects. I'm GWM, 48, 5'9", 158 lbs., Nordic blond, at least decent looking, well-groomed, HIV+, healthy, smoker, oral, versatile, love kissing, nipple work. You're 25–40ish, well packaged, bright, affectionate, romantic, eager. Open to once or a lifetime; sex buddy, friend, lover. Reply BT Box AP130A or call ★★7265.

Hand in Hand
I long for a partnership where I can be nurtured and cherished for who I am. I'm ready to love a strong, gentle, bighearted, handsome man, age 30–55, secure enough to be open, playful, and supportive (not possessive). I'm a handsome, sensitive, creative, well-exercised, young-looking GWM, 46, 5'7", strong, smooth skinned, very sensual. While I often present myself as forthright, self-sufficient and an initiator, there's a quiet, loving and childlike part of me that needs to feel safe in order to emerge. My political/spiritual outlook is iconoclastic and non-mainstream. Please be a nonsmoker, attentive to your body and spirit, and open to receiving as well as giving. PO Box 3073, Oakland 94609 or call ★★7266.

Hung Uncut Tactile Voyeur
Tall, thin, dark-haired Latino masseur, 39, likes watching, being watched, masturbating and sometimes touching with other hung-big uncut men... and with young, dark-skinned thin Latinos with big or small uncut dicks. Adventurous "clandestine" encounters around town (brief OK)... or longer "good times" at home. Massage and very safe sensual play also possible. Share your fantasy meeting. Write Boxholder, PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★7267.

Something For Your Mind, Body And Soul
This attractive, healthy 25-year-old can give you everything you need to fill your life. For your mind, I can give you stimulating conversation. For your body, I can give you long, hot nights of rhapsodic passion. For your soul, I can give stability, caring and companionship. I am looking for a guy in his mid 20s to late 30s who can turn me on as much with mind as with his body. If you have these qualities then please let me know. Reply BT Box AP131A or call ★★7268.

If There Were Ever A Time
to enjoy what life has to offer, to share it with family, friends and a partner, it's now. Not for any particular reason except we only get one chance to experience each moment, so let's do it right. Life has been very good to me, and I would like to share that with someone. I feel I have a strong grasp on life, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. And would like to explore these aspects of life further with a partner. I'm 31, 5'10", 140 lbs. Very attractive, self-employed, homeowner, healthy and ready for more. You're about the same in age and looks. A zest for life and its understanding. Not afraid to communicate, share your life, demand respect for yourself and give that respect to others in their life. Call ★★7269.

Erotic Art Videomaker
Seeks models for an artistic project on exhibitionism and narcissism. I see the healthy male nude body as a creative expression of the inner mind. Let me explain how I think the process of recording you on video can reward us both with a natural release and a sense of accomplishment. Your identity need not be revealed on video. Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★7270.

Your Barefeet
and my hot tongue would make a wonderful duet. Imagine this GWM, 30+, br/bl, handsome, 5'10", slowly undressing your tired, soft, well-trimmed, ticklish feet and giving them (and the rest of your body) the best tongue bath you've had in a long while. Sexy feet belonging to GWMs 20–38. How many places are you ticklish? Reply BT Box AP133A or call ★★7271.

Blue Collar Studs Wanted
Would like to meet masculine, blue collar types on a regular basis for friendship and fun. Kick back and enjoy a cold beer while watching some hot porno and getting serviced. Cum right after work in your dirty jeans and have your sweaty cock and balls licked. Write Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062 or call ★★7272.

Shell Station
8th and Harrison. Tuesday, April 31. Evening. You: Brown Bronco. Me: Red Civic. Let's meet. Call ★★7273.

A Platonic Exploration
could bring us gently together for a closer look with no pressure, or anything to lose but the games that we refuse to play. This 38-year-old East Bay GWM values honesty and trust, respects New Age spirituality and your vulnerability, and enjoys the ocean, old Hollywood, and life's simple pleasures. I'm 5'7", 150 lbs., brown/hazel, and have a slightly irreverent sense of humor. I probably prefer smooth-skinned men in the 25ish to 40ish age range, but care more about what's in your heart and mind. Please call ★★7274, and then write me.

Outdoor Wild-Sex
BWM, 46, 5'10", 150 lbs., brown/blue, in good shape and healthy, HIV-. Love to give and receive good massage. Nonsmoker and no drugs. Like to meet younger men also in good shape, who like outdoors, to bring out the wild-ness out of both of us. Love to get together and let's see what will happen. Live in East Bay. Like to meet married men. Reply BT Box AP137A or call ★★7275.

Athletic Asian Seeks
a clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV- GWM for friendship and safe sexual pleasures. No strings attached. I'm healthy, attractive, nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3057 or call ★★7276.

Outdoor Adventures
Weekend bicycling, hiking, backpacking and regular evening gym workouts keep my well-toned physique in shape. If you are interested in outdoor adventures and nighttime passionate pleasures, let's share the fun. I'm a GWM, 5'11", 180 lbs., 35, brown eyes, HIV- who is a conservative, romantic, clean-cut professional, nonsmoker, positive thinker. Let's be friends and perhaps more. Reply BT Box AP138A or call ★★7277.

Bit Tits, Big Belly—
and they're really sensitive. I'm 34, 5'10", 247 lbs., dark-haired, hairy, beard/moustache. I'm looking to meet a guy who loves to play with fat, round tits and nipples, and a large, full gut. I enjoy all types of sensual, imaginative tit and belly play, and have many fantasies in this area. How about you? You tell me yours and I'll tell you mine! Reply BT Box AP139A or call ★★7278.

Why Is This Ad Different From All The Other Ads?
It's not, but don't pass it over. You want someone masculine, successful, attractive, in shape, verbal, intelligent, HIV-? Me too. I'm a 38-year-old GWM, 5'8", 140 lbs.; an M.D. interested in finding similar types. Photo required and returned. Reply BT Box AP140A or call ★★7279.

Uncommon Black Male #2
Can you relate to my warm heart, caring soul and romantic sensuality? Can I experience your maturity, intellect and sincerity in a quiet moment of intimacy? Savor the thought. I am 37, attractive, 5'8", 135 lbs., and enjoy the basic pleasures of life: movies, dining out/in, lazy Sunday afternoons, travel, music and dancing. Your list of uncommon ingredients should include: age 25–40, attractive, stable, healthy, trim, versatile/bottom sexually and most of all—honesty. Photo if possible. Reply BT Box AP141A or call ★★7280.

Slave Material Sought
by firm yet loving/caring attr mature GWM, 60s, for ongoing master/slave or daddy/son friendship, poss relationship. Into S/M, B/D, CBT, W/S, etc., but your limits respected. You are in shape, 18–40, gay, bi or even straight; I'll train you. "Sir," 537 Jones St., #1297, San Francisco 94102 or call ★★7281.

Dept. For Asian-American Affairs
GWM tour operator living part-time in Bali seeks GAM (SE Asian a plus). I am 46, bl/blnd, 5'7", 140 lbs., cleanshaven, hairy, hung, HIV-, N/S, N/D, interested in cultural/spiritual life. You are not so Americanized that you have lost your Asian soul. Sensual by nature, beyond game playing, you are ready for passion and unafraid of intimacy. Let's explore cross-cultural dynamics in and out of bed. Call ★★7282.

Can You Say...
GWM, 28, cute, honest, sense of humor, clean-cut, tall, fit. I like reading, weight lifting, movies (film, too), music (oldies). Looking for guys to date, have sex with, hang out with, cut up with. (I'm a silly boy.) Not a marriage, not a trick. Can you say "buddy"? Reply BT Box AP142A or call ★★7283.

Muscular Asian Needs Buddy
Very cute 25 y.o. with smooth, tanned body seeks hot GM 20–35 for sex and friendship. I am 5'6", 135, defined lbs., sweet, masculine, educated, still vaguely romantic. Enjoy the usual: cafes, films, exotic food and the unusual: built, hunky, personable men. If you have what it takes to make this hot boy drool then call or write with vivid description, fantasies and photo (returned). Reply BT Box AP143A or call ★★7284.

Latin, 25, Looking For Friends
GLM, very proportionated, small, HIV-, wants to meet men, 35–45, mature and secure, who like world traveling, dining out, and many other interests. No drugs, alcohol or smokers. Reply BT Box AP144A or call ★★7285.

Curious About FF?
Me too. Kinky romantic, tall/lean Nordic type, swimmer's build, prof., masc., late 30s, HIV-, versatile but mostly top, pierced, seeks HIV-, monogamously inclined, nonsmoking partner for exploring intimate leathersex/SM/FF. Partner should share my fitness commitments (early to gym/drug free), and relationship interests (not just sex). Reply BT Box AP145A or call ★★7286.

Masculine Marathon Make Outs
Sound good? Let's go camping and sometimes give each other whisker burn. Foxy, handsome guy who is self-assured, not intimidated by meeting same, with long-term nurturing relationship in mind. Struggles and good times together. Me: masc., non-mainstream, down-to-earth, non-pretentious, HIV-, 39, 6'2", 185 lbs., big moust., lots of dk hair, worker-outer, straightforward, intelligent, housebroken but rough around the edges, N/S, N/D, wants special man to love. No deodorant/cologne a plus. You: lots like me, can relate to above, absolutely HIV-, straight appearing, non-affected, natural man with a man's mind who'd like to be niced and in loving relationship. Write w/photo a must. PO Box 31252, SF 94131 or call ★★7287.

My Fantasy/Dream Dad
He's a very special, fun, funny guy. We've never enough time to spend together. He loves me and loves my dog as well. We're proud of each other and worship each other, plus, when out in public, Dad doesn't let me out of his sight. He loves to go with me to science fiction conventions, craft fairs, and other places to sell my artwork/crafts. Tho he's a very possessive/domineering and take-control guy on the outside, at home he's vanilla to kink and lets me do a lot to, for and with him. He loves to tease and sometimes is a bit rough and overbearing, but I know how to handle him. He loves being my Dad and big brother, plus we're friends. Tho he wears military gear and leather a lot, he has a wide variety of other stuff he likes to wear as well; plus enjoys wearing what I want him to wear, even if it be a wet suit under camo coveralls. He enjoys being used and abused at play, yet he also likes to cuddle and make love. Dad enjoys a home life, as well as camping, hiking, walks, drives, plus. I also make him real happy and proud when we wear matching gear. He's a really great guy and liked by all he meets. I'm a GWM, artist/photographer, 5'8", 39, 195 lbs., blond/blue, hairy, HIV-, love country music/life. A great cook, many hobbies, Star Trekker, love rubber, leather, uniforms, costumes/masks, military gear, wear western gear a lot. Don't smoke or take drugs, but do like an occasional drink. I lost my lover/best friend of 10 years to a heart attack on January 9. If you're out there Dad, please write or call. Your loving and fun son. 537 Jones #213, SF 94102 or call ★★7288.

Outdoor Type Guy?
Handsome, straight-appearing white male, 32, 6'2", 165, wants to meet masculine white male, 24-38, who enjoys evening workouts, weekend bicycling, hiking and backpacking. I'm a conservative, romantic, cleancut professional, nonsmoker, positive thinker and still believe in monogamy. You should have goals, strong values and be aerobically fit. Size of equipment unimportant, kissing expertise is. Can't dance but know how to be a good friend and lover. Call ★★7289.

You'll Walk That Fine Line
Dancing excitedly on the edge. If you're eager to savor the delights of bondage/discipline, control/authority games, training scenarios, tickling, vulnerability, spanking, slavery and intimate outdoor weekends with a hot, handsome, husky, creative and truly masterful 33 y.o. man, you deserve to reply. My strict standards are high: honesty, respect, trustworthiness, communica-

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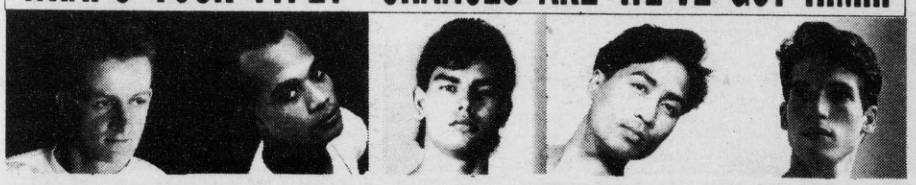

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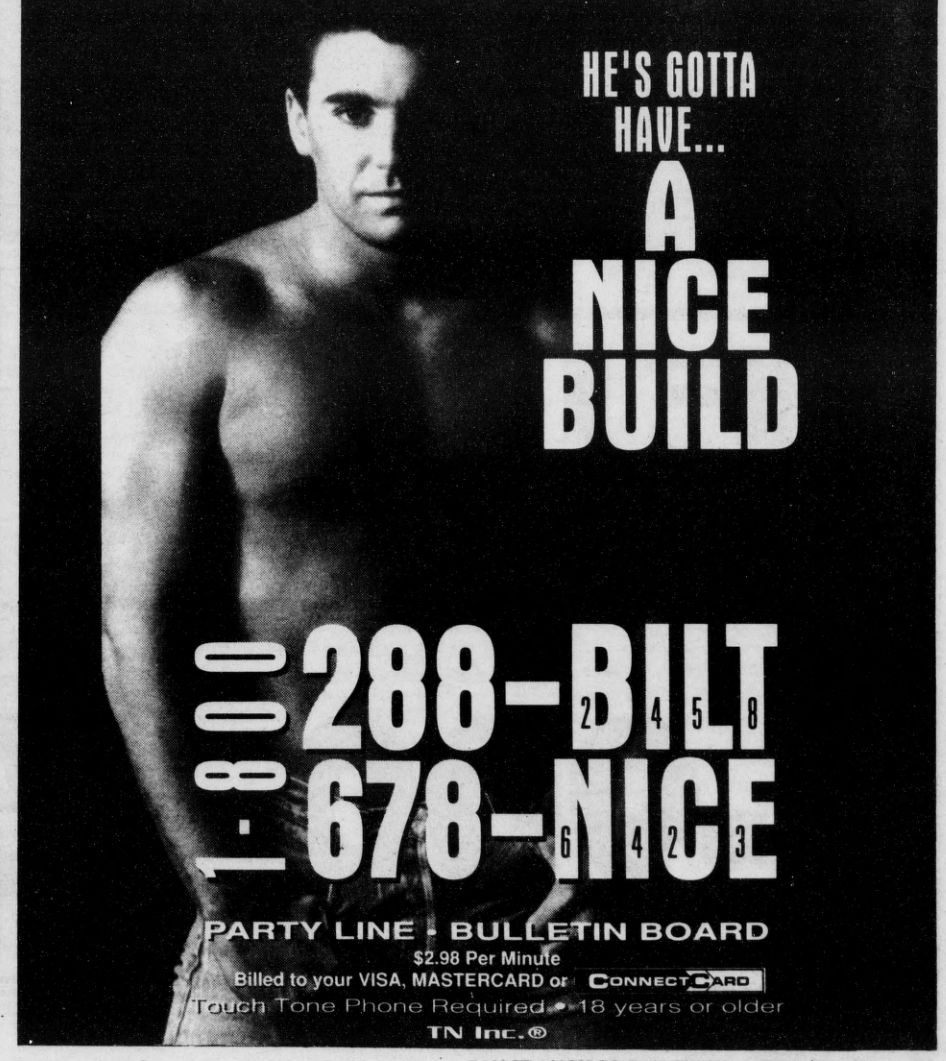

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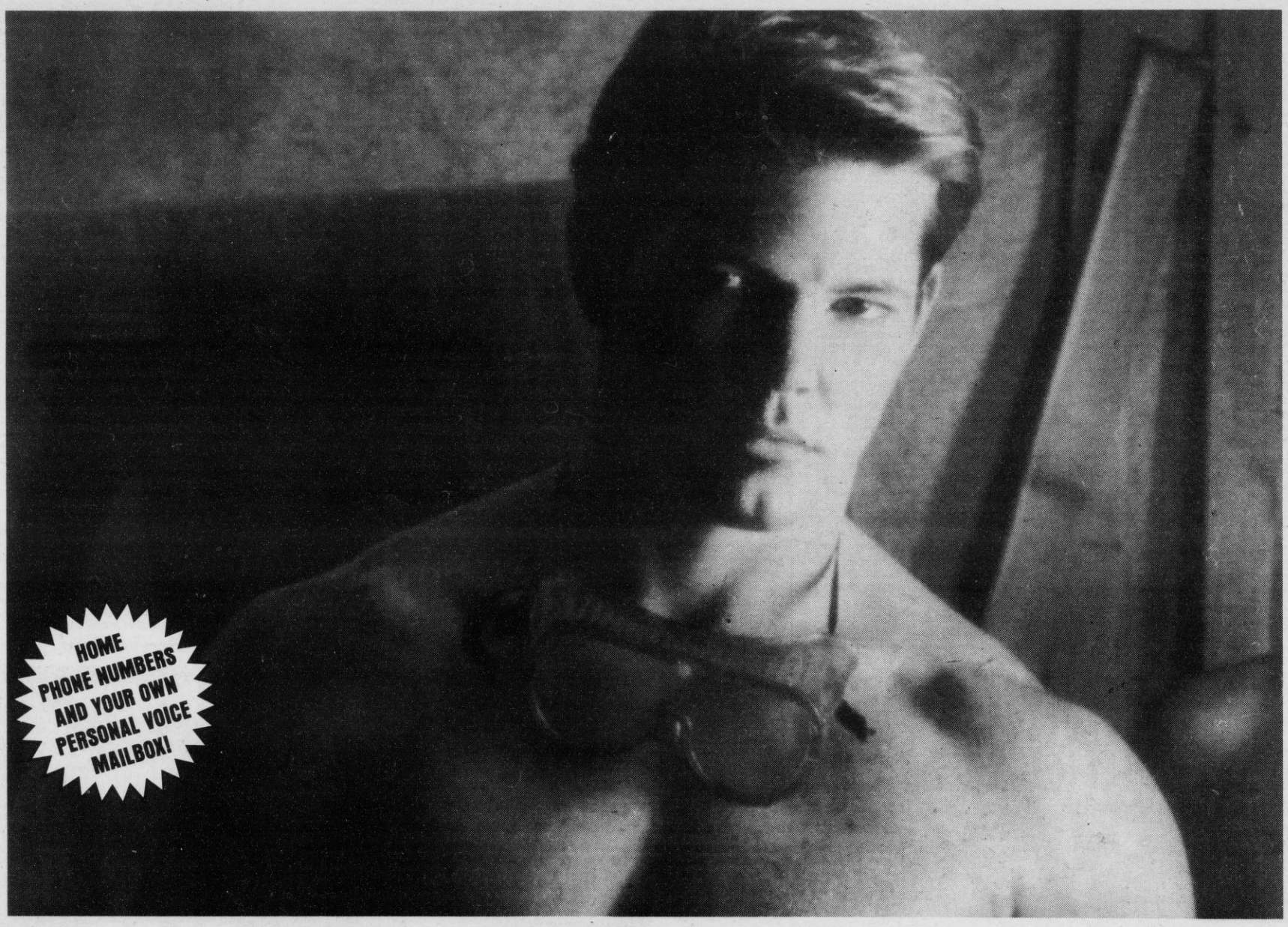

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San Francisco How about my neck of the woods? Ext. 4225

Joey SF 26, Tall and in good shape. looking for white men only. Ext. 4241

Seeking tall men ask for michael. Ext. 4244

Greg, 25, blond, blue, athletic, 140lbs. Ext. 4273

Mike, 36, Bodybuilder seeking men. Ext. 4323

Mike, 26, with a 29 inch waist seeks phone fun. Ext. 4287

Steve, 25, 6'2", 200lbs., with brown hair, looking for the same for good times Ext. 4301

22, Very Masculine, 5'11", 145lbs. interested in meeting the same. Ext. 3907

Super nice guy Italian/Irish very good looking seeks hot guys. Ext. 3788

Safe fun wanted in San Francisco. Ext. 3792

Try Me! I'm 21, 6', 165lbs., blond, looking for south bay guys. Ext. 3821

Looks not important Mexican man looking for a good time, early mornings OK. Ext. 3827

Sam, 32, interested in phone fun, leave message in my box. Ext. 3833

Versatile, well built, Tony, 27. Ext. 3837

New to California good looking, 5'11", 180lbs., dark hair, seeks relationship. Ext. 3838

GWM, 23, likes snowboarding, outdoors, seeks emotionally secure male. Ext. 3856

Asian looking for Asians. Ext. 3719

Buddy, live alone, looking for new friends. Ext. 3740

Stockton, Eddy, 27 looking to meet new friends. Ext. 3952

GWM slender, 22, masculine. Ext.3242

Ed, 27, like to meet new people. Ext.3431

Mike, 23, call anytime and leave a short description describing yourself in my voice mail box. Ext.3434

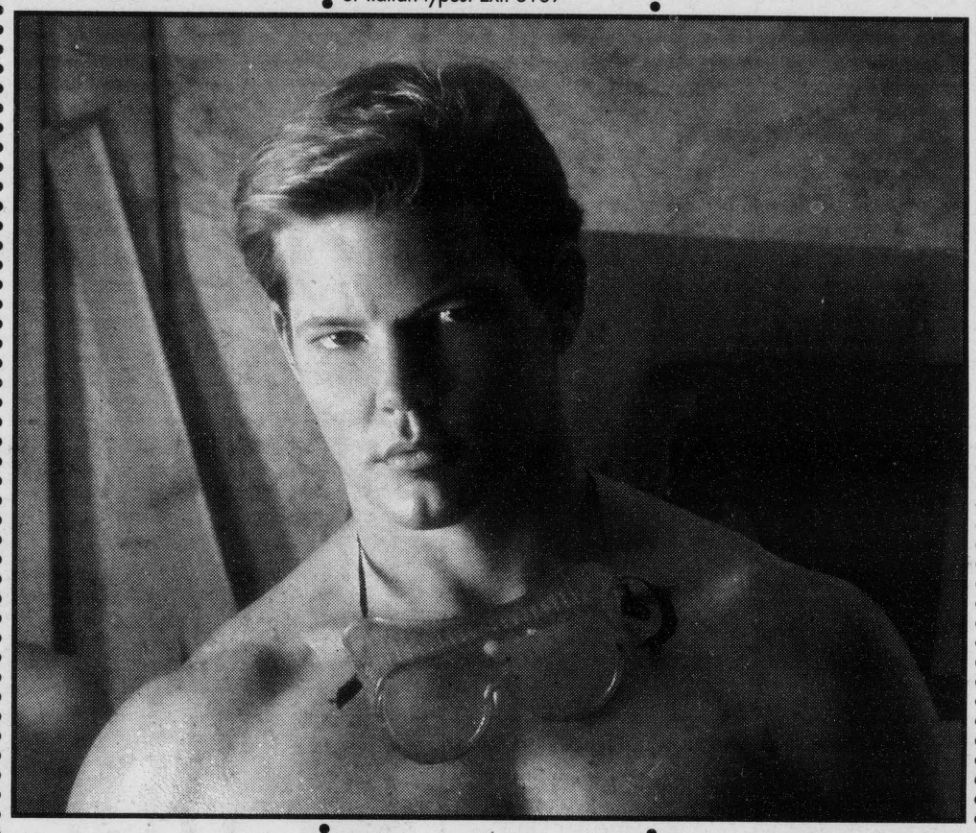
Sacramento area Athletic black and white couple seeks other men. Ext. 3418

Sacramento, Muscular, 5'10, call Tom. Ext.3516

SF, Surfers? GW Men 18-25. Ext. 3200

Sacramento, Latin, 6'3, loves sports, 30, 175, looking for Asian, or Italian types. Ext. 3169

Kerry honest and intimate relationship, playful and fun. Tell me about yourself. Ext. 1802



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SF Bob, 24, Oak grove, HIV+, 6'1, 180, no fats. Ext.3390

Tony 6'2, 32, brown hair, smooth body, good shape, looking for fun and friendship. Ext.3359

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Jay in Oregon, blond well built smooth for phone fun. Ext.3235

Italian, slim bearded, looking for buddies for romance, sincere only, hairy. Ext. 1892

WASHINGTON

Washington Street: College student, curious, red hair, looking for husky guys. Ext. 3192

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Marin County

resident wants to know where the rest of the cute, friendly single gay men are in my neighborhood. There must be a few *SF Bay Times* readers who hang out at the square in downtown Mill Valley. If you're wondering where to meet some other youngish guys to hang out with to discuss politics or cruise the crowd at the Depot, then so am I. I'm mid-30s, cleanshaven, long haired, music industry and media type, easygoing, educated, independent, and tired of crossing the bridge to find a gay community. If there's so many of us in Marin, then where's everybody hiding? Reply BT Box AP149A or call ★★7292.

Searching For A Sensitive Brute

Are you sweet natured but look nasty? Are your thoughts even bigger than your brawn? Is your manner as refined as your manliness is raw? You may be the thoughtful thing of my dreams. I'm 30, 5'9", 170 lbs., blue-green eyes, brown hair and goatee. Like me, you're mature, articulate, giving, fun loving, sober, self-aware, ambitious but reasonably contented loving and looking for love. Write me at 2215-R Market, #452, SF or call ★★7293.

Masculine Top Sought

I'm very good-looking, 30s GWM, HIV-, youthful, intelligent, adventurous, sensitive to others, concerned about the environment, masculine, straight appearing, but aware of who I am. Seeking creative aware active friend and/or lover to explore the town and discover the unknown. Please be good-looking and interesting. Thanks! Reply to PO Box 425574, San Francisco 94142 or call ★★7294.

Deutscher Freund gesucht...

Gutaussehender, musikalisch begabter, 40-jahriger Amerikaner, fortgeschrittener Student beim Goethe-Institut, ehemaliger Berliner Einwohner; ich suche einen unternehmungslustigen Freund (entweder Deutscher oder Amerikaner), der gut Deutsch spricht, fur Freundschaft zuerst, und dann...? Meine Sprachkenntnisse sind ausreichend aber nicht fehlerfrei. Interessen: Kino, Musik, Literatur, Geschichte, Natur. Erwunschte Bildzuschrift mit telefon wird beantwortet. Reply BT Box AP70B or call ★★7438.

GWM Seeks GBM

GWM, 30, seeks GBM, 30–45. I'm 6', 195 lbs., fit, handsome Norwegian/Irish background. I have red hair, green eyes, HIV-. I like husky men of color with facial hair. You could be tall or very short, have lots of hair or none at all. I'm often a homebody during the week; on weekends I like to visit flea markets, go camping, movies, and cheap Sunday brunch. Though I don't drink, many of my friends are light drinkers. I hope to quit smoking, but I'll never give up eating chocolate. I'm steadily employed and keep my life on an even keel, but I have enough white trash in me to be interesting. I'm over one-night stands, and want to date men who, like me, are open to a long-term relationship when the right one comes along. Call ★★7439.

Possible Relationship

GBM, 32, 5'11", seeks GWM for relationship. My interests are in sports and arts. Call for more details. Call ★★7440.

Could You Be The One?

Good-looking 32-yr-old GLM, 6'2", 195 lbs., brn/brn, muscular, into family, friends, music, dancing, films, reading, romantic dinners, evenings in and quiet eves at home. Looking for someone special to share same. Photo/phone please. Reply BT Box AP71B or call ★★7441.

I Want A Top

To marry me for 50 years. I hate dating so let's be platonic friends before getting married. Me: 22, 5'9", 148 lbs., br/gr, athletic, handsome, bottom, all-American boy, bright student, stubborn, smart alec. You: highly intelligent, 5'10"+, 20–28, athletic/muscular, competitive, strong/gentle, like discussing history, politics, playing board games/cards, country dancing. North Bay a+, letter/photo: Boxholder, 1209 Capri Way, Rohnert Park 94928 or call ★★7442.

Great Catch In Oakland

Weekday S.F. prof., on my own time prefer sweats/501s, wkng on Oakland house and garden, reg. 1 pks with my dog, sci-fi to musicals, quality time with friends. Gdlkng WM, 40, 5'8", 135 lbs., hlthy HIV+, sexually tending to bottom but right chem = versatility, lots of cuddling and kissing with a good mix of occasional mild kink/raunch. Lkng for creative, open, together and responsible man, 20s to 40s, in shape with a sense of humor. Mod. toke/smoke/drink OK. Preferences (not requirements): under 6', Oak-Berk area, body hair, muscles, attitude, musical or artist. Race not as import. as attitude, phys. appearance (I find lots of different "types" attractive). Letter w/photo appreciated. Reply BT Box AP72B or call ★★7443.

Bear Rassler

Bearded, predatory, ex-pro plays as dirty as you wanna get. I'll pull on the trunks for mean and beefy grapplers who like it belly-to-belly tuff, or bad-ass cubs who need a trip to the woodshed for some definitive attitude adjustment. 100 percent safe versions of t/t, c/b, b/d, boots, 501's, hoods, w/s, mud and more with all limits carefully respected and strictly byo toys. Call ★★7444.

Adventurous World Traveler...

with down-home values seeks similar masculine, slim, energetic 30–40, HIV-, outdoorsy guy in good shape to share great times. I am a good-looking GWM, lean 140 lbs., 5'10", 35, HIV-, safe, non-promiscuous, business owner. Very light drinker, no drugs/smoke. Dark hair and deep brown eyes. "Straight" except sexually, positive, easygoing, bright, generous, balanced. With you, I want to share outdoor activities including cycling (road/mtn), backpacking, skiing, travel; and indoor activities like lively conversation, quiet fireside reading, home-cooked meals, snuggling, massage, and tender, playful, lightning-charged intimacy. Not into bars, dancing, or gay scene. I've had best friends, and I've had lovers... but never yet a best friend who is my lover. Could he be you? North Bay/SF preferred. Please send letter and photo (returned) to PO Box 511, Forest Knolls 94933 or call ★★7445.

Sincere, Attractive, Asian

Tall, 31, very active professional loves conversation, travel, hikes, romance, good food and fine wine. Looking for a creative, intense, nerdy, intellectually diverse ,man with integrity, a warm heart, and an open mind. I idolize artists, performing artists, dancers, writers, photographers, scientists, composers, linguists... Smart, independent, a health nut, enjoy a quiet life. Please respond with phone number and a brief description of your interests to PO Box 1105, Mountain View 94040 or call ★★7446. Photos appreciated.

Husky Dad In South Bay

Masculine, good-looking, bearded, HIV-, straight-acting, sports-minded dad looking for same or hairy cubs to cuddle and go to sports events with. Facial photo and phone number gets immediate response. PO Box 722, Campbell 95009.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★7447.

Asian Erotic

GAM, 31 yo, 5'8", 148 lbs, humorous, honest, sincere, thoughtful, professional, open-minded, good-looking, seeks GAM/GWM for fun, friendship/relationship. Affection, maturity, love, nonsmoking/drinking. Preferable: South Bay, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and Mountain View. PO Box 2009, Santa Clara 95055-2009 or call ★★7448.

Attention Muscle Men

Advanced student of photography seeks muscular men. For your efforts as a model I will give you copies of our best shots and the right to make reprints/enlargements. You will see a portfolio of my work. Share your ideas with me and let's get those muscles on film! These photos will not be for sale—they're for personal use only. Reply BT Box AP73B or call ★★7449.

Why Take A Chance!...

When you can have a sure thing. I am a very handsome Asian American, HIV-, 28, with a nicely defined smooth body. More importantly, I am honest, sincere, intelligent and professional. I hope to meet attractive young men, who are HIV-, intelligent and in good shape, to share quality time and warm friendship. Send letter and picture to BT Box AP74B or call ★★7450.

I Have The Motorcycle Jacket But...

Am looking for a muscular, fun-loving man to help me explore my S/M leather fantasies. I am 6'0", 190 lbs., muscular, hazel eyes, thick brown hair, 36 y.o. WM. I'm primarily a top and love intense one-on-one sessions with a masculine man but am going crazy with my fantasies and I'm kinda shy and would like some "help." If you're masculine, muscular, into leather and curious about what I might offer call ★★7451.

Black Models Wanted

Men of color needed for solo J/O video project. All types considered—inexp. OK. Smooth skin, uncut, shaved crotch, leather sex are all +'s. Here is your chance to fulfill those solo fantasies for my video camera. Make that "special" video for your lover/boyfriend. Copies available. Exhibitionists welcome—18+ only. Videos for noncommercial, personal use only. Don't wait—call now or send photo (returned). Reply BT Box AP75B or call ★★7452.

Best Friend Fantasies And Expectations... Not!

No puffed stats or super egos; be real. 44, 5'11", 160 lbs., S/P blond, brn, masc, hairy, hlthy, clnshvn, pleasant personality, top in bed. You: masc, hlthy, NS, trad values, hgt/wght proportional, fun person, seeking 1–1. Your place. Reply BT Box AP76B.

Good Humor, Good Heart

I'd like to hook up with men who have both. Other essential qualities include self-assurance, earthiness, playfulness, intelligence, an open and loving masculinity, a fit, well-exercised body, a concern for social issues. Men who consider their sexuality with other men important, but who are also involved in many other interests and commitments outside of the gay community. I'm good-looking, 5'11", 155 lbs., 42, brown hair/beard, HIV-, athletic, bright, sane. Involved in Eastern spirituality, humanist politics, the men's

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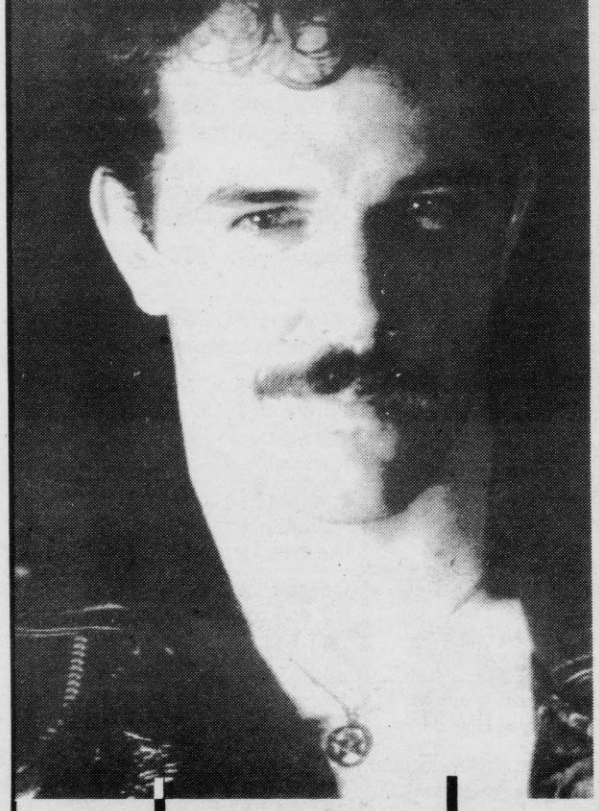

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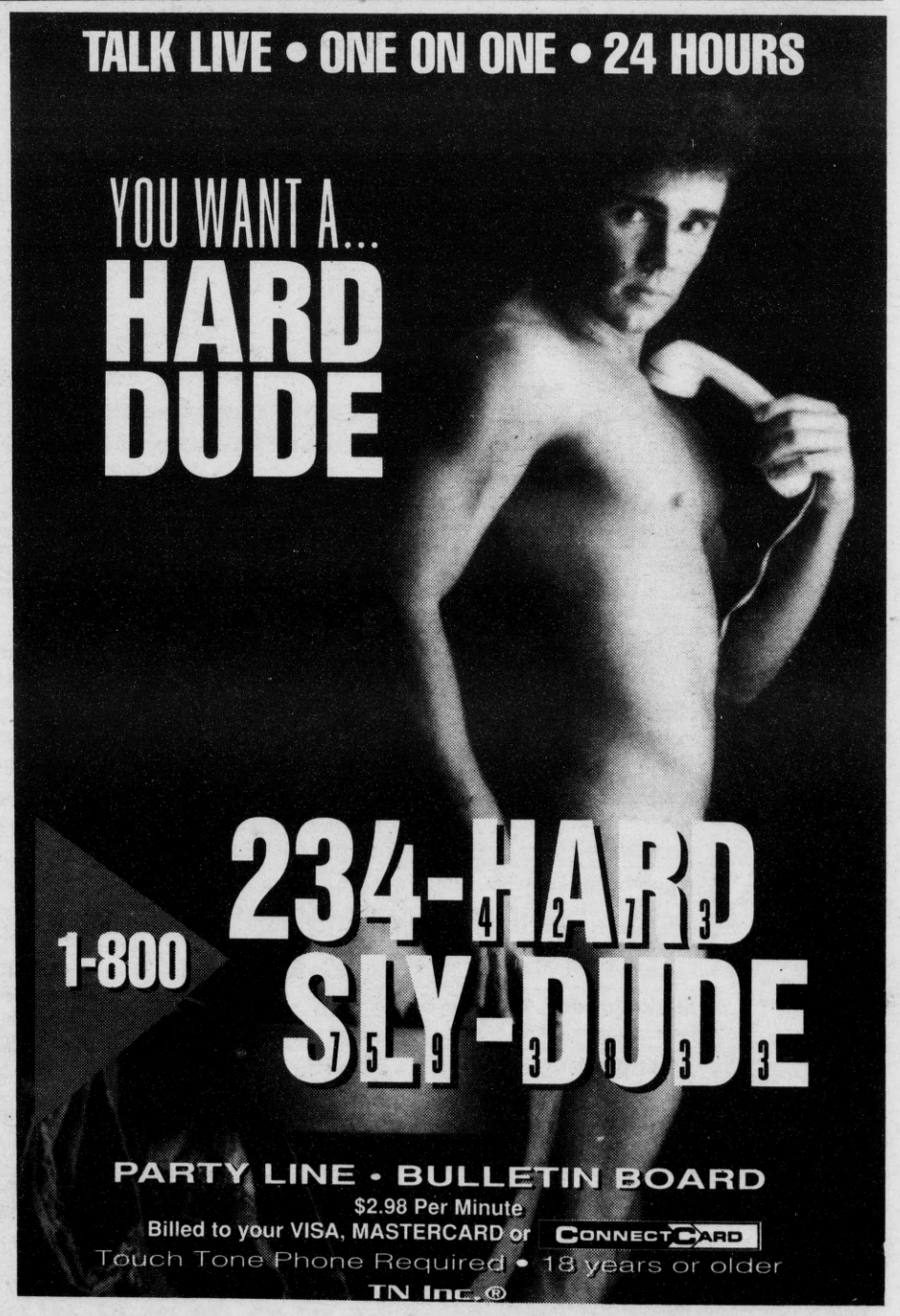

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Jasmine-Scented Nights
in Sybaris. We, entwined, your playful catamitic fantasy animated. As Ganymede who preceded us both, your secret bud opens to enthrone the root, and blossoms with delight. You hear my word though it is unspoken. You feel my touch before the gesture has begun. And for a short time, our two breaths sweeten the world in our postcoital bliss. Reply BT Box AP77B.

East Bay Hunks
Sooner or later, you gotta settle down. 45 y.o. with buffed hunky body (no BS), thinning blond hair, eyeglasses, masculine-intellectual appearance and complex mind, seeks similar to do stuff with, like watch TV and let our fingers creep around. If you're sane, East Bay (a must), my age, straight-appearing, built hard and lean (be honest), and dig short guys, call. I am for real—UB2. Call ★★7453.

Doting Dominant Dad
seeks sincere son—slim, smooth, young, hung?—who loves being lovingly fucked, sucked, cuddled: intelligent, educated, unpretentious, HIV- like me. I'm 5′9″, 158 lbs., dark hair, trim beard going grey at 48, feel about 28, love swimming and sailing, very loving, sensual, sexual, spiritual—and monogamous too! Many interests, great friends; stable, secure—but need One Other. And you? Phone, photo, letter please; Box 5414, Novato 94948-5414.

My Recurring Fantasy
It's the weekend. You're mowing the lawn. You're shirtless, Levis, big belt buckle; your nice body is all sweaty, a man's body. I'm in speedos, muscular, buffed arms and chest, tan, cute ass, just jogged and I'm fixing broiled salmon. You enter, smelling like a man and lecture me about IRA's and Stalin's daughter, the fall of communism. I read to you Marcel Proust. You're all over me—your natural top man's body fits over my bottom gym-worked frame. We make passionate love... Reply BT Box AP78B or call ★★7454.

Man Seeks Same
Intelligent, handsome, athletic, nonsmoking, HIV-, professional, 36, brown hair/green eyes, 5′9″, 165 lbs., who enjoys working out, biking, travel, romantic dinners at home, hot sex with the right man, seeking that special man who can relate to the above and is honestly seeking a monogamous partner. If this ad intrigues you, reply BT Box AP79B or call ★★7455. Your picture gets mine.

Friendship First
Sometimes very hip looking, sometimes very professional looking GAM, early 30s (looks 20s), 5′9″, 135 lbs. and most of the time very fun loving and mature. Seeking young-looking Caucasian guys 24–35 for friendship and dating. OK if you are not very masculine. More important if you have a cute face, honest, loyal, stable and responsible. Please be down-to-earth, warm and sweet! Call ★★7456.

Melt Down
and be a feast for a handsome, masculine, athletic blue collar hunk. GWM, HIV-, 5′10″, 168 lbs., bright, honest, loving, fair haired, gray eyed, well built, well exercised, hairy, a youthful 40s look. Sexually, I'll chew your long, lean, hairy body from head to toe. Emotionally, I offer long-burning love. Intellectually, wit and challenge. Spiritually, sharing the path. Apply if you are HIV-, nonsmoker, nondrugger, tall, lean to thin, dark haired, hairy, down-to-earth, bright, organized, self-esteeming, looking for monogamy and rapture. Call ★★7457.

Dominant Dad Wanted
Son is 33, 5′10″, 185 lbs., muscular. I'm looking for mature, in-shape, older guys for hot and kinky encounters. Some possibilities—spanking, WS, fetishes (underwear, leather, nylon, uniforms, business suits), lots of verbal stuff. I like rough and passionate sex followed by lots of affection and cuddling. Sensitive nipples like mine a+! Please be a nonsmoker, HIV- and drug free. Send photo. Reply BT Box AP80B.

Bass Fishing And Baseball Games
GBM, 33, BB, HIV+, top, seeks a masculine, self-assured GWM, 30–45, to go fishing and to baseball games with me. I seek companionship more than sex. Let's begin there and see what develops. Big plus for men with body hair. Please send recent photo (returned). Reply BT Box AP81B or call ★★7458.

Hot Intellectual?
Artist, mid-30s, tired of club scene, into good red wine, Jean Genet, ironic humor, scaldingly hot sex, contemporary painting, serious film (if you rushed out to see Silence of the Lambs, forget it), seeking thin, boyish guy 20s to mid-30s with artistic temperament for casual, not-too-heavy relationship. Mozart worship optional. Practicing artist/musician/creative writer a must. Alternative? OK! Let's meet for coffee and take it from there. Reply BT Box AP82B or call ★★7459.

First And Shy
This is my first ad so please help me out. I am attractive GWM, 6′, 195 lbs., 41 yo (look 30s), live in Pleasant Hill, HIV-. I enjoy workouts, volunteer work, DANCING and life in general. Would like to meet guys who like hugging, enjoy dancing, romantic nights and are honest with themselves. Love and friendship is neither-or +. If I pushed a button please call. Reply BT Box AP84B or call ★★7461.

Magic Is
friendship and more. It's about being independent, yet having a sense of belonging. It's a catalyst for growth and change. It's that which makes one stay a very long while. So, one aspires to find this source of magic in another—gentle and strong; masculine yet sensitive; expressive and accepting; healthy and playful; independent and loving. If you would share these aspirations with a special GAM, 30s, 5′8″, 160 muscular lbs., HIV-, secure and emotionally available, then write me. A photo is encouraging. Other subjects I leave the passage in time, when we meet, to be discovered and shared. Reply BT Box AP83B or call ★★7460.

Sex In The Afternoon
GWM, 36, 5′8″, 145 lbs., w/moustache, will consider all offers. Age and beauty unimportant—just give me your horny body and healthy mind. Send details of your desires w/photo to get mine. Reply BT Box AP85B.

Can We "Coffee Talk"?
Two scintillating Jewish American Princes Charming (JAPC) are seeking a special someone(s) with February 22 SNL's "Coffee Talk" (with Roseanne, Madonna & Barbra Joan). We would like to invite you and a friend over for our mutual viewing enjoyment and ethnic dish galore. We'd sell our diamonds (like butter!) for a copy!! You don't have to be Jewish to respond. Call ★★7462.

Boobs & Big Balls
If that is what you want, then don't settle for a flat-chested, BB-nutted man. This boyish-looking, 32-year-old, 5′10½″, 162-pound, college-educated guy with nature-made tits is waiting for you. When I dress to the hilt, no one can tell that I have tits; so a somewhat conservative, tit-loving man like you—who is, also, HIV-free, versatile, thirtyish, tall, thin and educated, and not sluttish—could be dining out with a soft-bodied, light-complexioned, extra-sensitive guy like me. PO Box 561, Bribane 94005-0561.

Russian River
Good-looking, romantic, upbeat GWM, young 48, brn/blu, 5′10″, 185 lbs., moustache, HIV+, in great health, N/S, N/D, lite toke, sexually vers./mostly top, med. dick, interested in meeting other HIV+ men, preferably in Sonoma County—likes dancing, films, horses, camping, hiking, gym, weekend trips, quiet times, laughing, fun. You—attractive, together, great kisser, N/S, lite drink-toke OK. 30–55, weight proportion to height, passive vers./mostly bottom. Write Boxholder, PO Box 344, Rio Nido 95471 or call ★★7463.

Fun Evenings
GLM, 30, brown hair, brown eyes, 165 lbs., 5′9″, clean-cut professional. Looking for GWM, 30–45, for quiet nigbhts, nice dinners, long walks and fundraiser events. If interested send photo and letter to Boxholder, PO Box 191502, SF 94119.

Cut To The Chase
Handsome, educated GWM, 41, 6′2″, 205 lbs., bl/br, HIV+ (top), asymptomatic, healthy, nonsmoking, athletic (gym and jog five times a week). Enjoy: dining out, Europe (off season), California coastline (anytime), classical/blues/jazz/New Age music (dislike C+W), ferry rides on the Bay, Angel Island hikes and possibly pitching a tent in the woods. Seeking GWM (bottom) of similar interests to share experiences with, both in and out of bed, upon which we can build a relationship. "A good man is hard to find. You always get the other kind." Let's prove these lyrics wrong. Call ★★7464.

Sausalito Sailor
seeks buddy who has an openness to the magic of natural freedom. I'm 39, 170 lbs., 5′11″ and ready to share sailing, hiking and camping adventures. Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★7465.

Old-Fashioned Relationship
wanted by man used to home life—gardening, working, occasional night out, travel, friends, relaxed fun, private time to hug and kiss, and sex (whatever is mutually exciting) as an ever-expanding gift to each other. I'm late 40s, 5′8″, 190 lbs., HIV-, smoker, social drinker (toke OK), experienced in life, love, death, humorous, verbal, intelligent, not intellectual, emotional, unpretentious, rambunctious, w/middle-aged libido, tend to give warmth, caring, trust, love almost too easily, enjoy classical music, KKSF, videos, writing, volunteering, creative arts, serious conversation and silly playtime. Describe you too? Intimate friendship could lead to secure lifetime commitment, SF to SJ. Call ★★7466.

Tall, Light And Handsome Redhead
6′6″, 195#, 35 y.o. runner and gym-goer—new to SF and not into bar life. Massive sense of humor, healthy HIV+, Cal grad. I like athletic wirey men of all heights and races with good or damn interesting looks—call now and hear me talk to you. I give good phone—I'm a high-quality person looking for a high-quality man. Hot relationship possibilities. Call ★★7467.

I Want To Live With My Lover!
I want to be two peas in a pod, birds of a feather, strange bedfellows and in love. I'm a live-together kind of a guy; my shortest relationship was four years; you should have a similar history. Monogamy, honesty, communication, loving and caring are not goals, they are a way of life for us. We are late 30s to early 40s, HIV-, tend to be introverted and enjoy good warm home life above all else. I'm Asian and you can be yourself. Please write and tell me about yourself, bye. Reply BT Box AP86B.

Irish
Are you of Irish heritage with a round face, blue eyes, a stocky build (hairy a plus) and HIV-? Interested in a reasonably discreet, casual to committed sexual friendship with an attractive, caring WM, 30s, HIV-, brn/brn, 5′9″, 160 lbs., hairy. Please send letter with photo (I'll return it) to Boxholder, PO Box 20896, Oakland 94620.

Mondays And Thursdays
are my days off—and I'm looking for some fun safe sex—not love—I have that—I'm 43, tall, good-looking, healthy, HIV+, who usually ends up a bottom! Your age is not as important as your good looks and attitude, adequate health and hairy legs! No leather or lace, please! Picture preferred, but not required. Reply BT Box AP87B or call ★★7468.

Black And Brown
I say it's a great combination... I'm a 36 yo, 6′, 185-lb. Chicano who is seeking an African-American man to share adventures that are close to the heart. I like solid, honest, assertive and playful men. I'm energetic, curious and enjoy all activities, especially hikes, movies, musicals and travel. I love to kiss!!! Photo if possible. Reply BT Box AP88B or call ★★7469.

Me
Physically: tall, fit, healthy, great smile, fair skin, male, green eyes, quite handsome. Mentally: secure, honest, sincere, well adjusted, independent, curious, easygoing, happy. Interests: reading (fiction/non), food, fine arts, nature, friends, film, exotic cultures, society, vibrant home life, unique music, design. Goals: most importantly to be happy and satisfied with me. Outlook: positively passionate about life. Turn-ons: sexy dark-featured men (Latino a+), nice hands and hair, beautiful penises, versatility, exploration. Turn-offs: anger, pessimism, excessive cologne, dogmatic role players, workout obsessions, relationship addicts, "straight-acting" queers. Extraneous attributes: sensual, uninhibited, adventurous, tactile, aware, unconventional, hip, creative, boyishly charming, somewhat shy, not perfect. Interested? Send revealing letters to Boxholder, PO Box 40607, SF 94140-0607.

Seeking Quality Man
Handsome white male, 34, strong, sensitive, athletic, positive thinking, forward moving, HIV-. Dark, tall, versatile, discreet. Not political or religious. Not into subculture, mainstream or lifestyle at all. Comfortable, self-employed, masculine, humorous, monogamous, growth and relationship oriented and enjoys life. Seeking similar, masculine man 25–35 from South Bay area. Call ★★7470.

Oakland/East Bay
Good-looking, complex, intelligent GWM, 38, 6′, 180 lbs., HIV-, fun in bed and a great kisser. Interests include gardening, CW dancing, computers, cooking, emotional honesty. Looking for man of similar statistics, 32–43, for friendship and maybe more, someone with the intelligence and emotional capacity to push back against the fates of life. Write: PO Box 28701, Oakland 94604 or call ★★7471.

Son Seeks Muscle-Dad
Masc, straight-acting guy, 37, 5′8″, 160 lbs., in shape, seeks relationship with aggressive weightlifter/linebacker type. I'm an independent guy with non-stereotypical interests; have little in common with most gay men and find them silly. Not into role-playing, but am attracted to daddy/big brother types, especially from military or law enforcement background. Age not as important as genuine masculinity (no South-of-Market playacting) and a dominate-but-loving personality. Letter/photo to PO Box 460191, SF 94146 or call ★★7472.

Romantic Top
Me: 5′10″, 36 yrs., 150 lbs., short brown hair, green eyes, HIV-, creative professional. I am a friendly, smart, straightforward type of guy. Sexually I am a top but am not afraid of being tender also. Like everyone else I like movies, dining out, etc., but my real passions are architecture and furniture design, travel and starting my own business. You: GWM, interesting face, 25–35 y.o., masculine, sincere, and emotionally ready to try monogamy, height and weight proportional, HIV-. Please, no substance abusers, sex addicts, smokers or Castro droids. Call ★★7473.

Friendship Or Romance
Nice-looking, affectionate and romantic GWM, 36, 6′, 165 lbs., seeks new friends, possibly more. I'm intelligent, well educated, well traveled, have a successful career in science, own my SF home. A little shy at first, I'm more top than bottom, not into role-playing. Interests include travel, movies, music, gardening. I have a short beard, short hair with braid, hairy chest, uncut. HIV- but do not exclude HIV+/PWAs from my life. About you: 28–44, decent shape, good heart, financially stable, nonsmoker, light drinker, honest, emotionally available. Send letter and photo to PO Box 31924, SF 94131-0924. I will return your photo with one of mine or call ★★7474.

Reality Check
Very fit, 40s, gym type (42″ chest, 16″ arms) seeking others who like the gym, but it is not their whole life, who like to explore bodies and ourselves. I like the sun, beach, dancing and romantic times. I am naturally a top and enjoy being older brother, daddy, but don't want anything to be the total focus. You are secure and imaginative. The main ingredient is to have fun and flexible. Reply BT Box AP89B or call ★★7475.

4/14 Muni Line, 3:15
I boarded at Church; you were sitting with a friend. You wore an open-collar pink sweatshirt; myself a grey denim jacket and olive undershirt. You have br/br moustache/goatee, hairy chest; I have br/bl with auburn moustache/beard. You ran through Powell Station behind me, then disappeared. I wanted to talk but had no time. You made me laugh—let me return the favour... Call ★★7476.

Not Looking For Friendship First
But *am* looking for sex with friendly adjectives. For sex, prerequisite is lean, defined hard flat stomach, and wholesome (NS, no drugs) sunbeams. For friendly adjectives, be smart, funny, calmer than cool, and forthright. For sure, I'm all these, aerobic, 46, GWM, aristocratically retro, busy and inquisitive, sparky young countenance, discreetly horny, uneager. A good listener. Confident enough. Age irrelevant; but lean chiseled bod, smarts, major poise, HIV neg—all are essential. Call ★★7477.

Laughter, Love And Music
GWM, 39, 5′10″, 170 lbs.; straight looking/acting into being gay but not necessarily visibly. Into Grateful Dead and Haight Ashbury and what it historically and philosophically stands for... that's why I live there. Into running, primarily a vegetarian and into rock concerts. Looking for friend/possible love-mate that is same/younger, similar, stable and is into real friendship/love before ongoing mutual versatile sex. If vast deviations from this ad, please respond to other ads. Call ★★7478.

Mature Asian
Young-looking Asian, slim, 44 years old, 5′7″, honest, warm, easygoing with sense of humor, nonsmoker/drinker, HIV-, is looking for relationship/friendship with caring GWM over 45 years old. I enjoy soft music, quiet times, traveling, walking, nature-loving. Please answer with phone/photo (will be returned). Reply BT Box AP90B.

Body & Soul
XX fantasy (good-looking, mostly smooth Asian, Latin, Italian or ? 20–35) BUT also seeking more serious Partner or friends: easygoing and casual, no heavy bar scene, ethnic food, Moderate-conservative, music (Sade, Bolton, Stansfield, Vandross, jazz, gospel, etc), Twilight Zone, amateur philosophy & theology, Chaplin, The Far Side, Falcon/Bjorn videos, ETC... I'm WM, 29, 5′9″, 150 lbs., hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking—Letter and photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St. #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★7479.

Rice Queen? Me?
I guess, except that I'm not looking for someone with exotic features or someone who's small and submissive. My fascination with Asian culture doesn't extend much beyond the nearest restaurant, and my house hasn't a single oriental knick-knack or Simonson print. I'm 34, 5′9″, 170 lbs., white, with brown hair and eyes, muscular, good-looking, educated, professional, quiet, nonsmoking. Pastimes include reading, workouts, gardening, ballet, theater, opera. Seeking an Asian American my age or younger, similar interests, personality, physique. I promise not to ask "Where are you from?" Reply BT Box AP91B or call ★★7480.

Heat Seeking Muscle
I'm thickly muscled and want to meet someone in comparable shape. I like all body types and don't require your being Mr. Olympia, but be muscular whatever your frame. You're formally/experientially intelligent. You're probably 35–50, preferably traditionally unconventional, and definitely N/S, N/D and HIV-. You're a bottom, maybe versatile. I'm a buffed GBM, broadly inquisitive, and energetic. Let's connect and pump. Reply BT Box AP92B or call ★★7481.

Dad/Son
Are you a slim young (18–?) GW/AM who could find that special thing with a dad/friend partner? I'm an attractive, secure, very fit, strong but sensitive late 40s professional GWM real dad with a lot to offer the right young man both in and out of bed. We are both HIV-, nonsmokers, not into alcohol or drugs, open-minded, emotionally available and relationship oriented. Reply BT Box AP93B.

I've Let Go...
of the judgment I've had toward personal ads—what's wrong with opening new opportunties and asking for exactly what I want? I'm a very handsome, cleanshaven, 27-year-old HIV- Mediterranean man with a 5′8″, 160-lb., smooth, muscular body with black hair and green eyes. I'm a highly ambitious, well-educated, articulate, political, multilingual professional who can be as aggressive at work as I can be reserved at the gym with somewhat of an aversion to the club scene. I enjoy myself a lot, but I think the time has now come for me to enter into an intimate, loving, supportive and passionate relationship with a very handsome, taller, HIV- Causasian man, age 27–40, who is confident, highly ambitious, financially secure with a developed sense of self and emotional maturity who is willing to share the good times, the victories and the challenges. I'm ready—are you? Please reply BT Box AP94B or call 7482★★.

Beard Fetish
Currently goateed GWM, 29, 5′6″, 137 lbs., br/br, has a fetish for neat and trim beards. You are a GWM/GLM, mid-20s to mid-40s, trim, clean, honest, light or nondrinker and absolutely a nonsmoker/nondruggie. I am very oral into mutual kissing and sucking of your average or smaller endowment/Greek A/P as well. I am ultimately looking for a relationship but I think sexual compatibility is a necessary start. Reply BT Box AP95B or call ★★7483.

Handsome GWM Seeks GAM
I am 5′9″, 165#, brn/grn, very physically fit, kind, warm, safe and intelligent. I enjoy Thai food, sushi, massage, cuddling and kissing. I'm masculine, affectionate, and passionate in bed, but friendship comes first! I'm seeking a GAM who is (22–30), masculine, nonsmoking, goal oriented, independent, who is not afraid of sharing, caring and loving. Call ★★7484.

Mate Seaching
A very effeminate Asian guy with Chinese heritage, 30, stands 5′9″ and weighs about 140 lbs., possessing long hair, with stable job, HIV-, very safe and could be passionate to the right guy, is ultimately seeking a relationship with a devoted, sincere, very mature, healthy, manly

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type and must be N/S and N/D. Prefer blue-collar/bisexual but not necessary. Reply BT Box AP96B or call ★★7485.

Smooth + Firm Wanted

I never believed it would come to this. I am a GWM (Italian and Portuguese), 37, 5'11", 170 lbs., who is a successful, sober professional who people say is good-looking. I love to be physical—the gym; rollerblading, biking, hiking, running—and yes—passionate lovemaking. I am looking for a GAM or GWM between 25–40 who is goal oriented, handsome (cute) and intellectually stimulating. We could share evenings at the theater, weekends that dreams are made of, and serious basic fun. You also must be interested in contributing to the communities in which we live. Please send photo. Reply BT Box AP97B or call ★★7486.

Seeking Friend Or Lover

to explore the great outdoors. Death Valley, Baja, Sierras, warm beaches, tropical reefs; fishing, backpacking, skiing, bicycling. Race, age, HIV status unimportant; just be healthy, in shape, passionate, don't smoke or use drugs. I also enjoy home and family, music, dancing and reading. I like, but not limited to, Latin, Asian, Af/Am men. Looks are of some consideration, I am 5'10", 150 lbs., br/grn. Drop me a note; photo would be appreciated but not required. Reply BT Box AP98B or call ★★7487.

Playful Gladiator

Tame me...and you will possess me! Your youthful, muscular body totally engulfs me, leaving me helpless in your embrace, submissive and worshipful. I attempt in vain to escape your wrestling and martial arts holds but totally submit to your overpowering strength. Our private experience is an endless stream of creativity, intensity, sharing and fun. But you are in control! Your captive is a handsome, masculine, youthful 44 y.o. GWM professional who has achieved much and has much to share with a quality younger man. At 5'10" and 170 lbs. I possess a hard, muscular body with good definition due to intense workouts with weights and aerobics. My waist is 32" and chest is 42". We both have many cultural, athletic and other interests in common, are HIV-, nonsmokers and seek a lifemate, not just a sex partner. Our shared, private fantasy can be the first step toward a unique and lasting relationship. If interested send letter, photo... Reply BT Box AP99B or call ★★7488.

Dad/Son Playing, Equal Partnership

Are you somewhat boyish-looking (trim or slim, not very hairy, any race, perhaps Asian) and ready for a responsible, caring relationship with someone a bit older than you? Are you HIV-, nonsubstance-dependent? Do you like cuddling, orgasms together and receiving affectionate daddy spankings? I'm handsome, 42, 5'11", 165 lbs., bearded, balding, East Bay teacher, "out," musical, nonmaterialistic but comfortable, love nature walks and city events. Include your phone, please. Photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★7489.

Genesis 2:18

Me: Gay American/Asian male, 24, tall, smooth, 170 lbs., trim moustache and considered good-looking. You: GWM, 30–40 yrs., avg/stocky build, facial and body hair a plus. Me: seeking a special person to share all God has to offer in life: nature, music, prayer, friendship, romance, but most important, someone to share the joy of Christian living. I'm Episcopalian, conservative, monogamous, serious yet funny and praying to meet that Christian man who isn't into bars or mind games. If this is you, respond with detailed letter and photo or leave message on voicemail. Reply BT Box AP100B or call ★★7490.

Agony And Ecstasy

Not to put too fine a point on it, a man of contradictions: extroverted/shy, silly/serious, forceful/easygoing. I'm a successful academic, who happens to be HIV-. I'm looking for someone who can show me new vistas and learn a thing or two from me. I'm 45 y.o., attractive, with a firm, stocky build, who is typically a top. I'm looking for an intelligent, younger man, with a keen sense of irony, a thin build, who is sexually submissive (HIV-), and yet, has a mind and life of his own. Reply BT Box AP101B or call ★★7491.

The Companion I Seek Is Also Seeking Me

Romantic white Hispanic top, HIV-, with a Ph.D. in Wet Hot Lippy Kisses, looking for a loving, monogamous HIV- bottom, oral active, who likes a sensual/spiritual gentle man. I live a healthy and happy life with lots of love. I'm nonuser, nonsmoker, nondrinker, early 50s, 5'9", 147 lbs., bald, hairy, cleanshaven. Reply BT Box AP102B or call ★★7492.

A Tropical Storm

of passionate clouds and warm, sexy rain gathers on your horizon: a sensitive, sensuous, slim, tall, shy, dark-eyed, warmhearted Cuban-American GWM. I'm boyish, 32, HIV-, cute despite receding hairline, sweet, loving and somewhat new to relationships. My heart aches for kind, spiritual, passionate brothers, and my hands long to touch smooth male skin. If you're similar in form and spirit, please reach out—I'd love to hug you hello. Reply BT Box AP103B or call ★★7493.

Where Are You?

I hear your voice on the street but never see your face. Many times I've felt your touch in my sleep only to awaken alone. I don't know who you are; all I have is images of you... WM, 25–35, 6'+, 200 lbs., facial/chest hair, MASCULINE. You possess a unique strength and nobility that sets you above others, but the pain of your solitude is reflected in your eyes. Your passions burn deep, yet you reside yourself solely to the best. In fact, you will answer this because instinct says we are the best for each other. Myself, I'm 27, 6'1", 210 lbs., br/bl with facial/chest hair, HIV-, and the rest you probably already know. Call ★★7494.

Great Catch In Oakland

Weekday S.F. prof., on my own time prefer sweats/501s, wkng on Oakland house and garden, regular pks with my dog, sci-fi to musicals, quality time with friends. Gdlkng WM, 40, 5'8", 135 lbs., hlthy HIV+, sexually tending to bottom but right chem = versatility, lots of cuddling and kissing with a good mix of occasional mild kink/raunch. Lkng for creative, open, together and responsible man, 20s to 40s, in shape with a sense of humor. Mod. toke/smoke/drink OK. Preferences (not requirements): under 6', Oak-Berk area, body hair, muscles, attitude, musical or artist. Race not as import. as attitude, phys. appearance (I find a lot of different "types" attractive). Letter w/photo appreciated. Reply BT Box AP104B or call ★★7495.

Are You Smart, Caring, Handsome?

I am all of the above and also communicative, witty, warm, psychologically attuned, well educated, easygoing, fun, sensual, happy. I'm a 35 y.o. Jewish WM, HIV-, gym toned, seeking another man of depth and substance. Call ★★7496.

No Fancy Essay (Bullshit) Here

Just a mature (55), sincere, professional, attractive, athletic, nice and very submissive GWM bottom who desires to be obedient to a non-kinky but very dominant top who is also N/S, N/D, HIV- and in good shape. You'd be a friend who may have another committed relationship, but needs a regular outlet for fantasy and relaxation. Write with your description and phone number. I'll call and we'll touch each other. Reply BT Box AP105B or call ★★7497.

Asian Man In Search Of Friendship

GAM, 5'4", 125 lbs., 27 years old, seeks men 18–35 who are honest, sincere, fun loving, nonsmokers, non or light drinkers, drug free for that "special friendship"? I enjoy cooking, watching movies, discussing politics and philosophy or just relaxing ta home listening to music. If interested, please reply to K.T., PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★7498.

Qualities Of Affection

GBM would like to meet a fun-loving, stable man in San Francisco for friendship and more. I'm 33, 6'1", 180 lbs., HIV-, attractive, intelligent. Some interests include reading, exercise, writing. You: attractive, fun, bright, unpretentious, independent, HIV-, height/weight proportionate, 27–38, any race. Although we both value more in life than just sex, we are not afraid of physical intimacy. Great kissers welcome! Returnable photo appreciated. Reply BT Box AP106B or call ★★7499.

I'm Over The Bars

I'm sick of smoke and alcohol; I know there must be more to dating than bars. Unfortunately my recent dates have all been bar flys. I'm ready to do some different things and meet some new people, perhaps even Mr. Right. I tend to be viewed as a tall, tanned, blue-eyed businessman, although at 31 most days I feel more like a 12-year-old. I like people who have ideas and are not afraid to share them. You should be clean-shaven, have all your hair, a nonsmoker, and not too jaded to say "Oh, what the f____k" and go for it. Reply BT Box AP107B or call ★★7500.

We Won't Rest Until You Are Satisfied Socially

Next Deadline for All Ads: May 1 for May 7

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through June 23. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One): ☐ Women ☐ Men ☐ Bisexual ☐ Social Groups ☐ Shared Interests

HEADLINE: _____

TEXT: _____

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_____ ☐ **Reply Bay Times Mail Box**

Total # of Words: _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00

☐ Enclose 15 cents per word **over** 70 words:

____ words × 15 cents equals . . . . . _____

☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . _____

☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . _____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . _____

_____ Number of insertions:
Multiply by cost of one insertion for total cost of ad . . . . . _____

Discount for 3 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . . _____

ENCLOSED TOTAL COST OF AD, INCLUDING ANY DISCOUNTS: $_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (weekdays) _____ **(eves)** _____

☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you

☐ Check here if you do NOT want a free voice mail box

You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

Mail Coupon To:
SF Bay Times Personals
288 7th Street, SF, CA 94103

NEXT DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 1

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

FREE PERSONAL AD!

A FREE 70-WORD VOICE MAIL PERSONAL AD FOR SPRING!

Have fun! Go wild! Just Fill out the coupon on page 54 and return it to our office by May 1. Your ad will appear in a May issue. It's on us!*

***If your ad is longer than 70 words, please include the extra 15 cents for each word over 70 words. If you want a Bay Times Mail Reply Box as well as voice mail, please add the additional $7 (to pick up your mail in our office) or $11 (for weekly mail forwarding), as printed on the coupon.**

An Important Message To Our Voice Mail Personal Advertisers and Callers:

On Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12, the *San Francisco Bay Times* personals voice mail system experienced a technical malfunction. If you called the 900 number during that time and left a message for an advertiser, your message was probably not recorded, even though the system made it seem as if it had been.

To make sure that advertisers receive the high volume of responses they have come to expect, we are reprinting all voice mail personal ads that ran in the April 9 issue—you'll be able to leave your message again without having to dig up the last issue of the paper. Also, if you did call the 900 number during the malfunction, we will be glad to refund the cost of your call. Just make a copy of your phone bill, note the calls placed to our 900 number on April 11 or 12, and send it to SF Bay Times, 288 7th Street, San Francisco 94103. We'll send you a refund right away.

We apologize most sincerely for this malfunction. Although we do not personally operate the computer lines that run the voice mail system, we do take responsibility for the loss in service to our callers and advertisers. We hope that giving refunds and reprinting the ads provides ample compensation for any inconvenience this error may have caused you.

We continue to post one of the highest rates of voice mail personals customer satisfaction among all newspapers in the state of California, and it's important to us that we maintain that record.

Now for the good news—we're going ahead with our planned Spring-time special: **VOICE MAIL PERSONALS ARE FREE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY!!** Just fill out the coupon on the facing page and return it to our office by May 1. We'll make sure your ad appears in a May issue.

As always, if you have any questions about our voice mail system, please don't hesitate to call Greta at the Bay Times, at (415) 626-8121, Monday through Friday, 10 am until 6 pm.

Sincerely,
San Francisco Bay Times

SAN FRANCISCO
Bay Times

Celebrate WOMEN'S WEEKEND May 1-3 on the Alive and Exciting RUSSIAN RIVER!

Sports and Recreation

Golf—Challenge the redwoods at Northwood in a tournament! Call Alice at Garden Grill, (707) 869-2878.
Hike—Or ride horseback through the majestic redwoods of Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve. Bring back a memento from **The Burl Shop**.
Bike, swim, or canoe, or plop down on a lawn and find pictures in the clouds.

Shop Till You Drop

An eclectic selection of casual, sport and resortwear at **Changes** and **Memories That Linger**; a whole lot of other goodies along Guerneville's Main Street.

Entertainment

"Moon Over the River" Friday night, Gail Smith Saturday night, and Terry Foster Sunday at **Molly Brown's Saloon**; plus more fun at **Rainbow Cattle Co.**, **Fifes** and **The Woods**. **PLUS....**

ZIGGURAT

The spectacular new showplace previewing with Dancing on Friday night, entertainment by Wild Brides and Blazing Redheads on Saturday night.

Literature, Music, Art

The latest books on YOUR favorite topics at **By The Book**; an astonishing selection of magazines, CDs and tapes at **Last Word Newsstand/Music Corner**; and a special free art exhibit at **Quicksilver Mine Co.**: *In Her Image: The Goddess In Art.*

Dining Out, Dining In

Wake-up coffee, lunch, afternoon refreshers and good-time conversation at **Coffee Bazaar**; the best BBQ take-out (or deliver!) from **Breeze Inn**; people-watching and indoor-outdoor dining at **Sweet's Café**; the piquant Mexican cuisine of **Lalita's**; hearty chicken, burgers and steaks at **Molly Brown's Saloon**; and fine German-Continental fare at **Little Bavaria Restaurant and Wine & Biergarten**.

...and So Much More!

The natural beauty, the great people, the fine resorts, the fun activities, the moments to share with someone special. For more information, call the Russian River Chamber of Commerce at **(707) 869-9009** or the Russian River Region, Inc. at **1-800-253-8800**.

Renaissance Summer is coming to The River!

WOMENS WEEKEND 1992

May 1•2•3
Fifes & The Woods Resorts

FIFES

Fri , Sat & Sun Nights
Country Western Dancing (Lessons on Sunday!)

SATURDAY
Cinco De Mayo Festival & Concert 2pm & Crafts Fair (all day)
• **AZUCAR Y CREMA** "Salsa del Caribe" (8 pc. Salsa Band)
• **MARILYN PITTMAN** Comedianne & MC
• **JUNE & JEAN MILLINGTON & BAND** "World Beat"
• **WET T-SHIRT CONTEST**

THE WOODS

Hot House Dancing •Fri, Sat & Sun Nights
• **BLAZING SOUND & LIGHTSHOW**
• **FIVE BEAUTIFUL ACRES TO PLAY ON**
• LASERS & INTELLABEAMS • EROTIC GO-GO DANCERS
• ENORMOUS BONFIRE • **POOLSIDE BAR & BBQ** • **Sat & Sun**

SATURDAY • 8pm
GWEN AVERY - The Sugar Mama of Soul

SUNDAY
Day on the Green Concert 1pm • Crafts Fair & T-Dance
Party Amongst the Towering Redwoods
• **THE SHAPES** • Motown • Jazz & Pops
BARBARA HIGBIE & TERESA TRULL National Reunion Tour
• **DJ LANEY G** from Provincetown

GENERAL INFO:
Fine dining at FIFE'S RESTAURANT - The River's Finest Brunch & Dinner
Dinner Reservations 869-0656

CAMPING Still Available at FIFE'S • Prizes for Best Decorated Campsite

BRUNCH at The Woods Sat. & Sun.

AT THE DOOR TICKET PRICES
FRIDAY
Fifes • C &W Dancing • $3
The Woods • Erotic Dancing • $7

SATURDAY
Fifes • Festival • $12
C&W Dancing • $3
The Woods • Day Use • $5
Gwen Avery / Dancing • $10

SUNDAY
Fifes • Day Use $5
The Woods • Reunion Concert • $15

ADVANCE PURCHASE
ALL WEEKEND PASSES • $42
ADVANCE PURCHASE TICKETS FOR SUNDAY CONCERT • $12
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